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Oklahoma, Texas and Western-state meetings

Chickasaw Gatherings set for Spring, Summer



Tribal employees Eddie Postoak and Tim Baugh, left, visit with citizens about the Chickasaw Cultural Center during the 2006 gathering in Denver, Colorado.

A series of Chickasaw gatherings are scheduled for several locations in Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, California and Oregon in the coming months.

This series of gatherings is a continuation of efforts to better

communicate with Chickasaws regardless of where they live.

"These gatherings offer the opportunity for Chickasaws across the U.S. to fellowship with old friends and meet new ones," said Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Participants will also have the chance to learn about health, education, housing and aging services as well as enjoy some cultural experiences."

Those services include mail order prescription services, home loan services, home improvement grants for low income Chickasaws, a burial assistance grant for seniors, education services and more.

Assistance will also be available to those interested in citizenship and voter registration applications.

A Chickasaw speaker will offer brief lessons on language and a Chickasaw story teller will share traditional stories.

Tom Knight, from San Antonio, who moved away from Ardmore, Okla., years ago to join the military, attended an earlier gathering.

"All the programs and ser-

vices are just fantastic! This is really going to be great for all the young ones coming up," he said.

Oklahoma City residents John and Karen Patterson were impressed with the services offered to seniors.

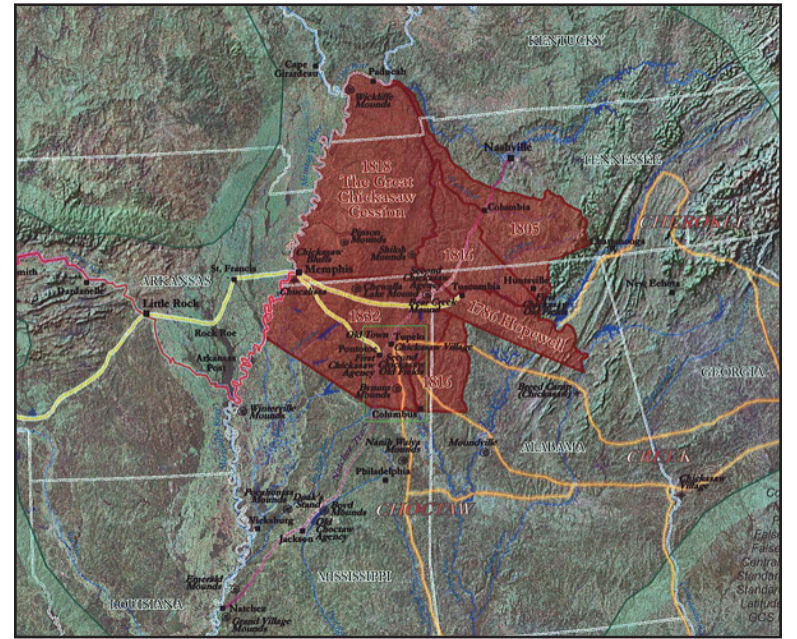
"We were very impressed that

they are going to provide \$2,500 for burial expenses," said Mrs. Patterson.

"We were also very impressed with the medical services," said Mr. Patterson. "I have a lot of

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GIS technology allowing tribe to bring new value to initiatives



This map shows traditional homelands ceded under the 1818 Treaty, as well as hunting areas and trade routes prior to Removal. Also shown are land and water Removal routes as well as current tribal boundaries established by 1855 treaty.

The Chickasaw Nation Geo-Spatial Information Department was developed to meet the ever increasing need for information essential to providing efficient, effective services.

This rapidly-growing department uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to provide timely access for in-depth, up-to-date information.

"Our GIS team provides a wealth of detailed, relevant information which facilitates planning and implementation of the wide variety of strategies and policies necessary to carry out our mission of improving the lives of our citizens," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

John Ellis, director of the Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial

Information Department said GIS provides much more information than conventional maps.

"We are working to make sure everyone involved in the decision-making process realizes that GIS is not just a mapping software, it is a decision-making tool," said

Currently, GIS team members are concentrating much of their efforts in three primary areas. These include emergency management services, cultural preservation and economic development.

Emergency Management Services

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Lighthorse, Chickasaw Press named 'Honoring Nations' semi-finalists

Three Chickasaw Nation tribal programs have been named semi-finalists in the Honoring Nations competition, an award bestowed by a Harvard University organization.

The Lighthorse Police Department's cross-deputation efforts, the Division of Education internship program, and the Chickasaw Press are all 2008 Honoring Nations semifinalists.

Honoring Nations is administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Honoring Nations identifies tribal government programs, practices and initiatives that are especially effective in addressing key needs and challenges facing American Indian nations.

Information about effective programs is shared with tribes

across the U.S.

The goal of the program is to help improve efficiency and effectiveness of tribal services.

Honorees serve as sources of knowledge and inspiration throughout Indian Country and beyond.

Of 110 total applications from at least 69 Indian nations and 10 intertribal collaborations, the three programs are in the running for the final cash awards. Five applications were submitted by the Chickasaw Nation for consideration.

"The quality of the applicant pool was extremely impressive, and after evaluating each of the applicants on the criteria of effectiveness, significance, cultural relevance, transferability, and sustainability, the senior management of the Harvard Project came to consensus that your application should advance into the next round of evaluation

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 18, 2008**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, James A. Humes, Traile G. Glory, Jimmy James, Jim Perry, Rita Loder, Traci Gold, Summer Stick, Cade Smith, Victor Smith, Rachel Wedlow, T. Michael Wingo, Dana Hudspeth, Carrie Bradshaw, Theea Swinford, Jeff O'Dell, Tony Choate, Kerri McDonald, Bernie Seeley

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Presentation

Chairperson Briggs presented Monette Richardson with a plaque for 25 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation and the Legislative Department.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 21, 2007

Dr. Goforth Parker noted a correction.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the December 21, 2007 minutes as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2007, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-062, Request for Amendment to Consolidated Tribal Budget FY 2008

The Chickasaw Nation places great importance upon its elders and believes in providing services to them commensurate with the wisdom and leadership that they provide to the Nation throughout their lives. This resolution requests the Governor to make amendments to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the addition of health programs to better serve the Nation's elders living within and outside the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott, the author of the resolution, withdrew GR24-062 from the agenda.

General Resolution Number 25-012, Request for amendment to Consolidated Tribal Budget FY 2008

The Chickasaw Nation places great importance upon its elders and believes in providing services to them commensurate with the wisdom and leadership that they provide to the Nation throughout their lives. This resolution requests the Governor to make amendments to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in an amount necessary to establish a position of Elder Case Manager within the Chickasaw Nation Health System. This resolution also states the desire of the Legislature that the position of Elder Case Manager be a continuing position.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-012 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-009, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. David Hatton

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. David Hatton to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Hatton will fill the first of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Hatton will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-009 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-010, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. Robert Bennett

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Robert Bennett to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Bennett will fill the third of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Bennett will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-010 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-011, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Campbell will fill the second of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Campbell will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

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Opportunities opening up to our entrepreneurs

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Please accept my thanks to all of you who attended last month's Listening Conference in Oklahoma City. There was an excellent turnout for the event, and I believe everyone had an enjoyable, educational and fun experience.

I know I had a great time and welcomed the opportunity to meet new people and renew old acquaintances. The conference offered a full lineup of seminars and meetings on subjects of interest to Chickasaws. Booths and displays were also set up to provide information.

I attended one meeting which was of particular interest to a great number of Chickasaw citizens. "Chickasaw Business Opportunities" offered citizens the opportunity to learn about

the schedule of programs available to Chickasaws who are in business, or who are considering going into business.

We decided to present this seminar for two basic reasons. First, Chickasaws have a long history of participation and success in commerce. Many Chickasaws are currently in business for themselves, and many have relatives working in their extended family businesses.

Second, the Chickasaw Nation now offers several tremendous programs that provide excellent commercial opportunities for Chickasaw business people.

It was obvious from the attendance at "Chickasaw Business Opportunities" that many of our citizens are "tuned in" to the nuances of American business. The level of business knowledge was impressive, and I was very pleased that so many Chickasaws were so versed in the fundamentals of commerce.



Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

saws were so versed in the fundamentals of commerce.

During the two-hour seminar, citizens learned about our newly-created Chickasaw Small Business Development Center (SBDC); our Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI) programs; our Bank2 finance programs; our Chickasaw vendor preference program; and our Chickasaw Business Registry.

saw Business Registry.

People were excited about the prospects – and with good reason! These programs have been developed with the mission to build up our Chickasaw-owned businesses, and help them on their way to success.

Our SBDC helps new business people and those seeking to grow their businesses. At the Chickasaw SBDC, you can learn everything from how to establish a business plan, to how to make good hires, to how to secure proper financing.

Our CNI programs offer Chickasaw businesses the potential to "plug in" to the federal contracting system, and more.

Bank2, the Oklahoma City-based bank owned by the Chickasaw Nation, actively seeks Chickasaw business and provides great information on how best to plan your business financing.

The Chickasaw vendor preference program is an exciting element in our Division of Commerce procurement system. The program actively seeks Chickasaw businesses that provide the commodities the tribe purchases regularly. We want to do business with our Chickasaw businesses whenever and wherever possible.

Our Chickasaw Business Registry is the baseline program that offers quick, concise information about Chickasaw businesses across the country.

We deeply appreciate our citizens who are in private business. We understand they meet tremendous obstacles every day, and they must display incredible perseverance to succeed. It is our hope that our Chickasaw businesses will achieve new levels of success with the help of the tribe's "Chickasaw Business Opportunities."

Chickasaws named state 'Creativity Ambassadors'



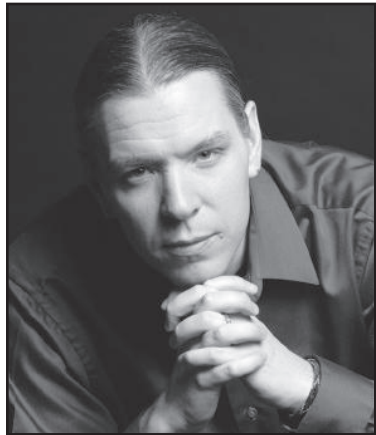
John Herrington

Chickasaws John Herrington, Jerod Tate and Chad Burris were among the Creativity Ambassadors selected by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry to represent the State of Oklahoma.

Gov. Henry named a number of ambassadors during the Feb. 8 launch of the Oklahoma Creativity Project at the Oklahoma Science Museum in Oklahoma City.

"We are very pleased to have three Chickasaws recognized for their creativity," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Each of these men is a great example of the innovation which has been so important to the success of Chickasaw people throughout history."

Herrington became the first American Indian astronaut in space during his Nov. 2002



Jerod Tate

Space Shuttle mission.

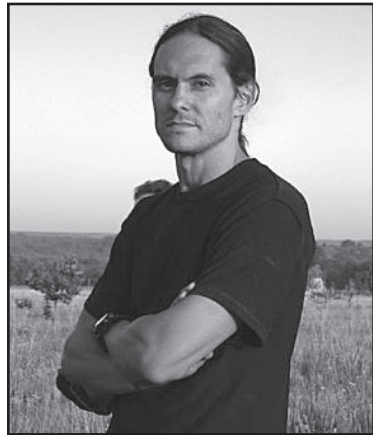
He and Gov. Anoatubby were among 150 Oklahoma residents who were included in the initial planning of the creativity project hosted by Gov. Henry two years ago.

"This was an incredible collection of talent and creative thinkers in the state of Oklahoma and it was great to be involved in that," said Herrington.

Those early meetings included incredibly talented artists, engineers, athletes and business people, according to Herrington.

He said one role of the creativity project is to carry the message of Oklahoma's creative potential beyond the state's borders, citing the aerospace industry as an example.

"We have a phenomenal his-



Chad Burris

tory in aerospace in the state of Oklahoma," said Herrington. "People outside of Oklahoma don't really know that. Within the state we know that and most people are really proud of it."

"The idea is we need to carry that message out, so people can recognize this is what (Oklahomans) are capable of doing."

Tate, a Chickasaw who incorporates his heritage and culture into his classical music, has enjoyed great success in his relatively young career.

A performance of his composition "Dream World" was included as part of the launch celebration. Faculty members from Oklahoma City University, conducted by Dr. Matthew Mailman performed the piece, with Tate appearing as Narrator.

Tate said he sees his role of ambassador as a way to help open doors between creative people in Oklahoma and across the U.S.

"I want to see a continued platform for contemporary Indian arts," said Tate. "Specifically, I would like to see the doors opened for the classical musical arts in Indian country."

Chad Burris is a film producer who received the Sundance institute's mark Silverman Fellowship.

Burris produced the short film "Goodnight Irene" and the award-winning feature film "Four

Sheets".

Burris said he thinks the creativity project is "a fantastic gesture" by the state of Oklahoma.

"Creativity is such an overlooked component of American culture," said Burris. "I think it's such a necessary element of pushing the culture forward."

"Creativity exists everywhere, but sometimes it is stifled."

He added that recognition of creativity and creating a network of creative people is a very important element in fostering innovation.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Cultural Center



Workers install copper panels on the theater building of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center, under construction at Sulphur, Okla.

Conference is outreach that makes a difference



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody!

Last week was such a great week! The Listening Conference was held in Oklahoma City and it was a great success – if enthusiastic participation and volumes of information are the ingredients of success!

I enjoyed one meal in the company of citizens who had come from California and they were receiving and giving useful, thoughtful information. And I met someone from as far away as Hawaii. Isn't that great!

Long time friend, citizen and writer Jerry Brown and his charming wife were there from Alabama and meeting them in person was a great excitement for me. We speak frequently on the phone and it was wonderful to finally meet them in person. Jerry is the person who rode the Natchez Trace on his bicycle and kept a log of the entire trip including photos. He prepared it for his children and grandchildren and when you have the opportunity to read it (as I have and as you will soon!) you also are going to enjoy the story of his travels. Jerry is a gifted

writer and word about his gift is spreading so before long some of his Chickasaw stories should be available to everyone.

As promised previously, more and more benefits are becoming available to our citizens who live outside the boundaries of the Nation. Considering that our Tribe does not have a blood quantum requirement for services this is remarkable and wonderful. I made a comment to a lady about how excited I am that we will be offering prescription drugs to our at-large citizens and she said, "Well, the Tribe pays for my Medicare Part D already so I already have that." The new service will of course be available to all ages, I believe, but it was so good to hear someone being so happy over help she was already receiving. (My understanding of the new

service is that it is in the budget for the next fiscal year, which will begin in October 1.)

The people of the Administration who planned and carried out the Conference did an exemplary job and I truly congratulate and commend them for their

extraordinary effort. The event was a huge success according to everyone with whom I spoke and it certainly appeared as such to me.

We in the Chickasaw Nation are so greatly blessed!

Linda Briggs

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee

February 4, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 11, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Mary Joe Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Election Rules and Regulation Ad HOC Committee

Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Ethics Ad HOC Committee

February 11, 2008

Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Mary Joe Green

Finance Committee

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Health Committee

February 4, 2008

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

February 4, 2008

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

February 4, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Donna Hartman

Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee

Present: Katie Case, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Logging on to goforthparker.com provides access to photos, news



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is time to join me at www.goforthparker.com. I am only sending this message because my son has convinced me that it is not as easy to sign up and make comments as it should be, so I am sending you this warm welcome to visit, comment and here are some instructions.

You can go to this web site directly to log in and get a user name (<http://wordpress.com/signup/>). You do not have to

get your own blog to be able to comment. At the bottom of the page, all you have to do is mark the line that says you get a user name only, and you can comment on any Wordpress blog.

My usual entries will be about the new hospital. I am updating at least every two weeks so that you can see what is actually happening. This month, there is a picture of a beautiful sunset. It is at my house, but I am fortunate

enough to live pretty near the new hospital construction.

One gentleman from Duncan, Oklahoma recently sent me pictures of his white dogs. Those have been catalogued as a slide show. I would love to add your ofi tohbi to our gallery of the famous Chickasaw white dogs.

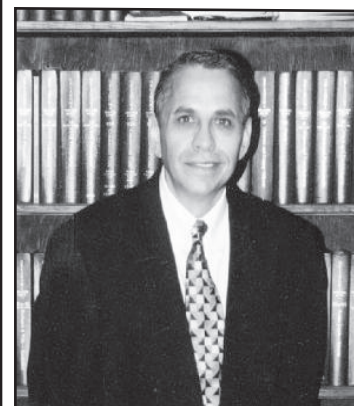
You can also see pictures of the recent Listening Conference in Oklahoma City. I know that you will enjoy this additional resource for keeping up with what is going on in the Chickasaw Nation. More than 800 visits have been made to this web site. Of course, my brother visits at least 1 time a day, so that does not mean that I have 800 new visitors. I would welcome your comments, and pictures if you so desire.

I look forward to visiting with you over the internet. Hopefully, we will be able to share information, culture, and life. It would be fun to have favorite Chickasaw recipes, or something else that we could share across the miles.

Always Chickasaw. Your Tribal Legislator in the Pontotoc District.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Scott Colbert hosts open house monthly at Tishomingo Clinic



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Piers poured at new medical center; clinic upgrades set



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! The ground hog must have seen his shadow because we are continuing with winter like weather in Ada. Surely warmer temperatures will be here soon.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance met with the Health Care Committee this month and reported that the piers for the new hospital are being poured and work continues on the parking areas. He also reported that

the Oklahoma Area Director of Indian Health service, John Dority, is retiring on April 3.

Plans continue to move forward for improvements at the health clinics in Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo and Durant. Target populations in those areas are being studied to determine the feasibility of providing wellness centers and/or long term care facilities.

Regarding services at large, the Health System plans to start honoring prescriptions from private physicians as long as the medications are on the for-

mulary. However, no narcotic medications will be provided in that program. Starting date is unknown at this time.

Administrator Lance has submitted the following statistics: for the month of January, 2008, there were 268 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 19,686. January Emergency Room visits were 1,025. January saw 252 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,725 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,198 patients in

January. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,719 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,905. The Durant Clinic saw 2,655 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,077 in January.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Education aid targets diverse categories of learning



Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Thank you to each of you who have taken time to speak to me in person, call, write or drop me a line or post card. The interaction means so much to me, personally, and your communication educates me on the issues that are important to you.

Education has always been important to the Chickasaw people, even before and up to the time of removal. Realizing that the U.S. Federal government was too large and strong to be dealt with physically, Chickasaws saw education as the way to deal with the world around them and gain a measure of control over their way of life and the new world.

Literally everything I do, every day of my life is guided by

my education. While my education includes a college degree, the degree is just part of the education that I depend upon to make the most of each day.

Education can take many forms. Personal experiences are sometimes the best. Sometimes tapping into experiences of others through a visit with an elder or a friend can save time and some of the pain occasionally associated with personal experience. Reading most anything initiates thoughts that result in learning. Thoughtful listening to and observing our surroundings and the events taking place in our world are all forms of education.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education is designed

to be a resource to assist us in achieving the educational requirements of our goals. Three main focuses of the Division of Education are Adult Learning, Career Technology and Higher Education.

Within the Adult Learning program there is assistance and incentives for those working to achieve their GED. There is also Elder Education offering computer training such as use of the Internet, and the use of programs like Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and how to send and receive pictures. To apply for benefits of the Adult Learning Program, call (580) 310-6625 and ask for Lynne Chatfield or Shirley Machin.

The Career Technology and

Training Development program exists to help Chickasaw citizens in receiving training in order to gain meaningful employment or career advancement. Some of the forms of assistance available are funds for license and certification assistance, technical supplies assistance, a clothing grant and cost of living allowance. To get more information and/or apply, call (580) 421-7711 and ask for Waylon Cotanny or Jennifer Parks.

The Higher Education program is focused on assisting those individuals seeking undergraduate and advanced degrees from colleges and universities. The forms of assistance are many and begin with programs and scholarships that help high school students preparing for college. It also assists college students pursuing undergraduate degrees and those individuals pursuing advanced degrees. To get more information about these and other scholarships and incentives that may better fit your specific situation, visit www.chickasaweducationerservices.com or call (580) 421-7711.

Our education assistance efforts are wonderful and offer much more than outlined in this article. There are also application requirements and deadlines associated with each. A few have deadlines as soon as April 1. So, call the Division of Education soon to begin your educational pursuits!

Happy Easter,
Katie

Chickasaw elementary, secondary students making the grades



Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

school.

You will see in this, and every, issue of the Chickasaw Times a few select Chickasaw students who have received recognition at Outstanding Achievement Award winners. Receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award is a high honor for a young Chickasaw student. It means he or she is excelling in at least one discipline, and often in multiple areas. Most of these students are leaders in their classes and schools, and they are setting the groundwork for fantastic futures.

The Chickasaw students we don't read about so much are our youngsters who qualify

each month for the Chickasaw Honor Club. You may not see these students' pictures as often, if at all, but they are doing some great work.

In order to be included in the Chickasaw Honor Club, a student must earn a perfect report card of all A's; must get all A's and B's; or have perfect attendance.

In December, a total 770 Chickasaw students made the Chickasaw Honor Club! That sounds like a huge number, but that number reflects how well the kids are doing in school.

A total of 231 Chickasaw elementary and secondary students achieved all A's; 353

Chickasaws got all A's and B's; and 186 Chickasaws had perfect attendance.

Those are tremendous results! Sometimes we "more mature" Chickasaws forget that today's students have significantly more homework than past students, and they are expected to process much more information at a higher rate of speed.

Our tribal Division of Education is so very proud of these students, and we work each and every day to support them in their efforts.

Thank you students for the hard work and extra effort you put forward. We are all very proud of you!

I think you would be amazed by the success so many of our young Chickasaws are having in elementary and secondary

Make it a priority to document your family history



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma! Chin Chokma?
(Hello! How are you?)

The month of February whipped by in a hurry! The adage of "time flies when you're having fun" is an accurate description.

After last month's article appeared in *the Times* I received an email from Mr. Chance Wim-

berley of Colbert, Oklahoma. He informed me that we were related and offered to show me some of the interesting sites around the area.

Our first stop was to view the historical marker for the Colbert Ferry. The marker is located near the old homestead of Benjamin Franklin Colbert. We were then able to view the fenced off private family cemetery for Benjamin F. Colbert, his daughter Sara, and B.F. Colbert Jr., his son. The headstones were in fairly good condition. Age and weathering were evident on the children's names and dates.

After taking pictures, Chance and I made future plans to view the Colbert Ferry Crossing by the Red River, locate other grave markers and then do a follow up viewing on the Love Cemetery located east of Colbert. A few years ago, the Love Cemetery was cleaned up and fenced by the Chickasaw Nation Cultural



The family cemetery for Benjamin F. Colbert.

Preservation Department.

Chance shared with me his family's ancestry and had taken the time to neatly type and document each generation. It was very impressive. When the weather cooperates, we will resume our adventures.

Recently, I had the opportunity to quiz my mother for

further details on the family history. She related to me what she had grown up hearing about our relatives. Such as, my great-grand father, Benjamin Franklin Collins, lost his mother when he was just 9 days old. Thankfully his aunt and uncle (Sallie and Dan Collins), took him to raise. He lost his father (John Collins), when he was 9 years old. This was a reminder that times were tough back then.

I also revisited the story of my mother, (June Dickinson Leake), being born on the family allotment land near Ninnekah, Oklahoma.

Spending the afternoon with mom, discussing family history made me realize the importance of documentation. If you have not spent much time reading, talking or writing down the facts of **your** family history, do it! Don't lose valuable information that your elders hold! We dis-

cussed many interesting details that day and I now have them recorded. Let me encourage you to do the same.

Being that last month was valentines, I wanted to share the sweethearts of the Panola District. These lovely ladies are members of the Achille Senior Nutrition Site. They were selected by their peers to represent the site at the annual Valentine banquet held in Ada, OK. Each of the Chickasaw Senior Nutrition Sites was represented at the coronation ceremony/party. It was a fun event and there was even a surprise visit by Mr. Elvis Presley?!

This past week, Oklahoma City was host to the Chickasaw Nation's Services-At-Large Meeting. There were citizens from all around the United States. I had exchanged emails with several people and now had the chance to meet them face to face. If you reside outside the Nation's boundaries and did not get to attend, stay tuned. There maybe a meeting coming near your location. To learn more about your opportunities call (866) 466-1481 or (580) 436-2603 or visit the web site at www.chickasaw.net/sal

Chokmashki!

(Thank You!)

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Executive Youth Council



Chickasaw Nation Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon swears in the Executive Youth Council during Inauguration ceremonies in Tishomingo, Okla. From left are Tre Pickens, Laura Ash and Chance Brown, all of Pickens District; Bridgette Bell, Tishomingo District; Deanna Taylor, Courtney Parchcorn, Jessie Miller and Dannie Davidson, of Pontotoc District; and Renee Hickman, Jerica Marsh and William Hickman, of Tishomingo District. Not pictured are Todd Wilmond of Pickens District and Jay and Ashleigh Stoneberger, of Panola District.



Bernice Sweeney and Mary Cox are crowned by Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel at the Ada Valentine's Party.

February 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number GR-013

Approval of Application for Funding

Family Violence Prevention and Services

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant, we are able to assist clients with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, and transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. We also provide crises counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle." We also make many referrals to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native America and non-Native American victims.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number GR25-014

Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program Grant

Explanation: The fiscal year 2008 cycle of BJS-TCHRIIP grants has been released. An proposal amount estimated at \$100,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would allow for the design and implementation of an integrated data system, including driving under the influence (DUI), sex offender and domestic violence convictions, as well as protective orders, to be centralized and shared with law enforcement personnel. Law enforcement officers would have greater access to and awareness of criminal history information on suspects during the course of their duties.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number GR25-015

Application for Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Grant

Explanation: The fiscal year 2008 cycle of BJA-IASA grants has been released. An award in the amount of \$300,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would continue the existing program operated cooperatively between the Lighthorse Police Department and Behavioral Services Department.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 25-016

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows:

The North 30 feet of Lot 6 and the South 60 feet of Lot 7 in Block 69, Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Use: Expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol property.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 25-017

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw

Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows:

The North 76 feet of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 68, Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Use: Expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol property.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 25-018

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows:

The South 64 feet of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 68, Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

See Resolutions, page 37

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com

CNI annual meeting set

Chickasaw Nation Industries will conduct its Annual Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 N Mississippi in Ada. This meeting is open to all Chickasaw citizens.

Please feel free to contact Sherri Ellis at 405-253-8317 or Peggy Hill at 580-559-0303 with any questions.

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"Chickasaw Citizen"

Unique programs introduced to assist Chickasaws in business

Seminar focuses on Chickasaw entrepreneurship



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby speaks to the assembly at the Chickasaw Business Opportunities gathering Feb. 21 at the Cox Center in Oklahoma City. The event coincided with the Listening Conference. More than 125 attended the business seminar.

More than 125 Chickasaw business owners and entrepreneurs attended the first-ever Chickasaw Business Opportunities gathering conducted Feb. 21 in Oklahoma City.

The seminar was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, and took place during the 2008 Chickasaw Listening Conference at the Cox Convention Center.

Chickasaws from across the United States learned more about the services offered by the tribe which are designed to promote and build Chickasaw-owned businesses.

Governor Bill Anoatubby told the group he was delighted with the number of people interested in the opportunities offered by the Tribe.

"Chickasaws are entrepreneurial by spirit and by nature," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Having opportunities to be on your own and be in business for yourself is very appealing to many people."

"The small business development program gives tribal members who have the desire to get into business a place to go for technical assistance, guidance or other assistance," he said.

Executives from several business entities of the Chickasaw Nation explained the function

and purpose of the organizations and ways tribal citizens can utilize these programs to succeed in business.

Among the featured speakers was Jeff Case, executive director of the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The purpose of the SBDC, Case said, was to assist and support Chickasaws who have the drive and desire to start a business, or to expand an existing business.

The SBDC assists in all phases of building a business, he said, from business plan assistance to financial assistance.

"We will be involved at whatever level you want us to be involved," Case said.

Case featured some examples of Chickasaws who utilized the program to build a business, including several located in Oklahoma towns and others around the country. The types of businesses Case highlighted ranged from fence building to chiropractic services.

He stressed to the group the way to initiate the process was with one phone call.

"If you want to start a business, call us," he said. "We will help you from beginning to end."

For more information, contact the Small Business Development Center at (580) 559-0619.

An introduction to the minority vendor preference program was presented by Greg Pittman, procurement and logistics director for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Pittman explained the objective of the program was to help businesses owned by Chickasaws and other federally-recognized minorities grow, develop and expand.

The premise of the program is to give minority-owned businesses the opportunity to com-

pete to offer goods and services to the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw businesses will be able to submit bids to provide a service or a commodity for tribal business use.

"For the first time, (this process) will give you a chance to compete," said Pittman.

One brand-new avenue used to track these companies is the Chickasaw Business Registry. To date, 211 Chickasaw-owned businesses are registered with the service.

Tom Bolitho, editor of the *Chickasaw Times*, unveiled the new website created just for Chickasaw businesses, chickasawbusinessregistry.com.

The Chickasaw Business Registry is a regularly updated list of Chickasaw citizen-owned businesses across the United States. The web site was recently launched and it is linked to the tribal site www.chickasaw.net.

A global perspective was offered by Geoffrey C. Blackwell, director of Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development for Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI).

"CNI is a diversification tool of the Chickasaw Nation," Blackwell said.

CNI's scope of businesses encompasses information technology, medical, dental, financial,

engineering, project management, aerospace, operations, manufacturing, and administrative. The organization provides services to several federal agencies.

The firm employees more than 2,000 people and conducts business in 48 states, Blackwell said. The company was incorporated in August 1996, and acquired its first federal contract in 2001 and its first multi-year federal contract in 2002.

CNI has offices throughout the United States, including Washington, D.C., Albuquerque, N.M., and Cape Canaveral,



Neal McCaleb served as moderator during the Chickasaw Business Opportunities seminar.



More than 125 Chickasaw citizens packed the first-ever Chickasaw Business Opportunities gathering, Feb. 21 at the Cox Center in Oklahoma City. The informative seminar provided citizens with information about how the tribe can help its citizens initiate a new business or expand an existing one.

Florida, to name a few.

Blackwell also explained the scope of the Native American Minority Empowerment Program (NAMEP) offered by CNI. The program is designed to promote and enhance businesses owned by tribal citizens by giving these businesses an opportunity to bid on federal contracts though the federal tribal 8(a) program.

Businesses considered for the program must be substantive and enduring, cost effective and mutually beneficial, he said.

"Our first priority is helping our own people," said Blackwell.

For more information about NAMEP, contact Blackwell at 202-253-4846 or geoffrey.blackwell@chickasaw.com.

The meeting concluded with Rod Whitson, Bank2 president, offering a few keys to finding a great bank.

Whitson explained banks have different specialties and suggested interviewing potential banks before deciding on where to do business is essential.

He also said it was vital to get to know banks and bankers

before asking for a loan.

"It is a relationship business, the more we know you the more we will want to do business with you," he said.

Whitson explained that Bank2, which is wholly owned by the Chickasaw Nation, is committed to serving Indian Country.

Whitson featured three Chickasaw businesses with whom Bank2 has partnered that are successes, including an Oklahoma City jewelry store, a California pipeline services firm and a Butler, Okla., convenience store.

For more information about Bank2, contact Whitson at 405-946-2265 or rod2@bank2.biz.

Chickasaw citizen Brent Sykes, Oklahoma City, said the gathering was "a great forum to present all the financial opportunities the Nation affords its citizens."

"It was a great starting point for many people in the room. Allowing everyone to have first person contact with the person that can directly help them was a great idea," he said.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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Chickasaw business people see tribe becoming stronger

The business seminar gave more Chickasaws more insight on the Chickasaw Nation's connection with the Tribal 8 (a) Program.

The federal program is administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and is designed to afford minority businesses the opportunity to procure government contracts.

With the help of her tribe, Linda Miller recently obtained an 8(a) status for her California-based electronics distribution company. Miller had attempted to gain the status three times but had been denied each time for lack of financial backing.

She said the situation was kind of a dilemma, because she needed to gain 8(a) status due to a difficult financial situation.

"You don't go after your 8(a) if your financials are great," she said. "You go for that because you're looking to further your business."

Jeff Case, Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center executive director, wrote a letter on Miller's behalf, explaining the role of the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center in providing financial assistance and other types of assistance for tribal members.

Miller used the letter as a reference in her application. She also called Deryl Wright, president and CEO of Chickasaw Nation Industries, to ask for his assistance.

She received her 8(a) certification about two weeks before the

conference.

"I wanted to come here and personally thank those people for that," Miller said.

Miller said the sheer number of people speaks volumes about the direction of the tribe.

"I think we're on our way to becoming a stronger nation. I think we're going to be a nation that's not going to be pushed aside."

Jonathan Arnold, a Chickasaw citizen from Oklahoma City, found the seminar enlightening.

"I'm very interested in finding out how I can do business with Chickasaw-owned businesses and I think that the (Business) Registry is a great thing," Arnold said. "Quite frankly, we've been operating in the dark. We didn't

know that those Chickasaw businesses were out there."

Arnold said he wished the seminar would have been twice as long with a bigger meeting space.

"Any time we can get together

and talk about ideas on how to grow our businesses and how to start other businesses is a fabulous thing."

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Health care, education continue to lead government expenditures

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$33.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$5.8 million for the month and \$19.0 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$91.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for January totaled \$56 million and \$226 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$19 million for the month and \$71 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Govern-

ment for capital projects and tribal program operations, net income was \$16 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2008, the tribal

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2008

Revenues	\$	2,730,384	226,553,023	229,283,408
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		30,510,206	(30,510,206)	-
Total funds available		33,240,590	196,042,818	229,283,408
Expenditures				
General government		2,956,726		2,956,726
Legislature		514,623		514,623
Judiciary		292,405		292,405
Education		3,754,644		3,754,644
Heritage Preservation		1,096,979		1,096,979
Health		3,399,875		3,399,875
Youth and Family Services		2,444,827		2,444,827
Nutrition Programs		983,322		983,322
Regulatory		1,548,820		1,548,820
Assistance Programs		2,026,093		2,026,093
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			120,713,156	120,713,156
Other businesses' expense			58,977,735	58,977,735
Total expenditures		19,018,316	179,690,891	198,709,206
Increase in net assets		14,222,274	16,351,927	30,574,201
Beginning net assets		241,637,051	356,307,181	597,944,232
Ending net assets	\$	255,859,326	372,659,107	628,518,433

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2008

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 83,508,156	208,080,219	291,588,375
Receivables	2,219,104	21,854,611	24,073,715
Inventory		5,107,179	5,107,179
Prepaid expenses		8,367,027	8,367,027
Other Assets		21,753,916	21,753,916
Fixed assets	171,533,371	300,838,612	472,371,983
Less payables	(1,401,304)	(193,342,458)	(194,743,762)
Net Assets	\$ 255,859,326	372,659,107	628,518,433

government funds had \$83 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$12.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$208 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2008, tribe

operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$823 million with \$194 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$628 million compared to \$604 million at the end of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of \$24 million from September 30, 2007, the end of fiscal year 2007.

Lighthorse special agent helps solve major crimes



**SPECIAL AGENT
JASON EDWARDS**

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Agent Jason Edwards spends most of his day behind the scenes.

Edwards' task is investigating major crimes, or felonies, that occur within the Chickasaw Nation, either on tribal business property or in citizens' homes.

Because of the intricacies of Indian County jurisdiction,

Edwards is constantly working with officials at the local, state and federal level, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) to the county sheriff's offices.

Through in-depth investigation, he builds a case against the defendant and presents the case to either the district attorney or the federal prosecutor.

Edwards says the other officers' attention to detail make his job easier.

"That is where I feel lucky, he said.

"(The officers) always go the extra mile."

His role in a case begins when a crime is reported, and most of the time he goes to the scene of the crime, regardless of the time or the day.

"I'm pretty much always on call," he said.

Officers take the initial report

and once it is determined the incident is a "major crime" special agent Edwards takes the case.

"The officers are good about getting the information to me, they will help me with anything I need," he said.

Edwards said he enjoys the satisfaction of completing a case.

"I get to take these cases from start to finish," he said.

Every case, he said, has a story.

"I like to bring out the truth, and it is equally important for me to prove someone innocent as it is to show them as having done the crime," he said.

Edwards said he also received great support from the Lighthorse Police administration.

"They never restrict me and are always helpful in my needs of completing an investigation,"

he said.

Edwards has been a member of the Lighthorse Police force for about three years. Prior to joining Lighthorse, he started his career in law enforcement at the Pauls Valley (OK) Police Department. He then moved to the Garvin County (OK) Sheriff's office for about one year.

When he began with Lighthorse, he was patrolman for about one year, and then he was appointed to his current position.

Over the years, he has had several specialized training courses to sharpen his police skills, including a Crime Scene Investigation (C.S.I.) school and several interview and interrogation courses.

The one school that stands out above the rest is a "Narc Assault" School. During this

course, participants spent several days learning to rappel out of a helicopter. Edwards said that was not his favorite part of the class, because he has a fear of heights.

"It was quite a challenge for me, and I am still afraid of heights," he said.

Edwards is a 1991 graduate of Stratford (OK) High School. He and his wife, Kellie, have two sons and a daughter. The family resides in Garvin County.

During the summer, Edwards can be found on the baseball diamond coaching his sons' baseball and t-ball teams. He's coached for the past eight years.

He also enjoys team roping, saying he has been participating in team roping for "many years."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw attorney to lead Indian Graduate Center



**ELIZABETH "LIBBY"
WASHBURN**

A Chickasaw attorney has been selected to lead an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Native Americans.

Elizabeth Rodke Washburn was recently appointed president of the board of the American Indian Graduate Center, Inc. (AIGC) based in Albuquerque, N.M..

Established in 1969 as the American Indian Scholarship program, AIGC provides financial assistance to Indian graduate students in all fields of study. It is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to this mission.

Washburn is one of more than 12,000 graduate students in fields ranging from medicine to

law who have received support from the center.

"They greatly helped me out in law school," she said, explaining the organization also gave her a stipend to take the bar examination once she completed law school.

The AIGC also works to improve retention of Native American students.

"It is no secret that American Indians face unique challenges in their pursuit of higher education," she said. "To ensure successful outcomes, it is necessary to understand how best to address these challenges.

"We research problems facing Indian students and what we can do to help Indian students succeed," she explained, indicating the drop-out rate for Native American college students is proportionately higher than other students. "We would like to see what we can do to reverse that trend," she said.

One method the AIGC uses to thwart homesickness is sending care packages to the students.

"But we could do more," she said.

Another goal for this year, Washburn said, was to develop new avenues for providing additional scholarship opportunities for Native scholars.

Washburn is just one of dozens of Chickasaw students AIGC has helped.

During the past 10 years, the American Indian Graduate Center has assisted 54 Chickasaw citizens who were obtaining their graduate degrees.

Washburn, 37, currently serves as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Interior, specializing in federal Indian law, natural resources and environmental law.

She said she was optimistic about her new role as board president.

During her career, she has worked at the University of Minnesota Law School, teaching a course on Cultural Property and working on special projects on behalf of the Dean.

She has also served as legislative counsel to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), then Chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Washburn worked as an associate attorney at the national law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry from 2000-2001.

She was also previously employed at the Interior Department and has also worked as a law clerk for the U.S. Department of Justice, in the Civil

Rights Division.

Washburn and her husband, Kevin, reside in Cambridge, Mass., with their two sons, Colbert, age five, and three-year-old Ford.

Her parents, Seymour and Virginia Rodke, live in Pauls Valley, Okla.

(sidebar)

In 1969 then-Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner Robert L. Bennett, Chickasaw Nation Governor Overton James and others founded the American Indian Scholarship program to provide Native Americans needed financial assistance to complete their graduate work.

At that time, important government positions dealing with Indian policy were being filled by non-Indians who possessed the graduate education necessary to meet the job qualifications, Washburn explained.

The AIS gave Indians the

opportunity to obtain a post-graduate education and provided another step toward self-governance.

AIS changed its name to become the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) in 1989.

In 2000, the AIGC began administering the American Indian/Alaska Native Indian component of the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholars program.

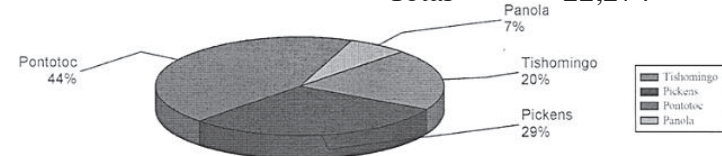
The Gates Millennium Scholars program currently has 778 students participating in the program, and 387 graduates.

Washburn has served on the AIGC board for the past six years, and was introduced to the organization as a law student at the University of New Mexico.

For more information about the AIGC, contact Sam Deloria at 1-800-628-1920 or 505-881-4584.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,554	Pontotoc	9,716
Pickens	6,519	Panola	1,485
		Total	22,274





Couple overcomes stroke together; hits Senior Olympics



Sylvia and Ted Pannell and their California State Senior Olympics medals. The couple earned the medals in senior swimming competition just a few years after Mrs. Pannell suffered a serious stroke.

Photo courtesy of the Press Enterprise, Inland News.

In 1995, doctors told Ted Pannell that his wife Sylvia wouldn't live through the night.

Mrs. Pannell, who had suffered a massive stroke, survived. But her right side was paralyzed and she was wheelchair bound. Her doctors diagnosed that she would not recover further.

In 2007, the Pannells swept

the California State Senior Olympics swimming competition, winning five medals between them.

"The doctors said I was a miracle," said Mrs. Pannell. "They said I wouldn't walk again, but I've proven them wrong...more than once!"

The Pannells, both in their late sixties, have also proved

that words like perseverance, resilience and creativity have no age limit.

Determined to walk again, Mrs. Pannell began a physical therapy routine. The routine was painful, so Mr. Pannell suggested she try warm water therapy in the pool at their local swimming center.

"Three months after my stroke, I could barely talk and couldn't sign my name," Mrs. Pannell said. "But my husband put me in the water and within a few weeks I was on my feet."

They comprised their own therapy routine, which took components of on-land physical therapy and enhanced them for the water.

While Mr. Pannell was working with his wife, a swimming center employee noticed his swimming abilities and suggested that he enter the U.S. Masters swimming program, a national organization for adult swimmers. Mr. Pannell, a Chickasaw, began to swim competitively.

After seeing his wife's progress in the water, he encouraged her to join him.

The couple even relocated to Palm Desert, Calif., from Nevada in order to swim every day in the warmer climate.

"In Nevada, we were only able to make it to the swim-

ming center maybe three times a week," Mr. Pannell said. "But in California, we were able to swim outdoors every day and that is when Sylvia really started making a lot of progress."

In June 2007, the couple confirmed both Sylvia's recovery and her husband's physical abilities by placing in the Senior Olympics. Mr. Pannell won the gold in the 50-meter freestyle, silver in the backstroke, and bronze in the breaststroke. Mrs. Pannell won gold in the 200-meter backstroke and bronze in the 50-meter backstroke.

Today, Mrs. Pannell walks, drives, dances and plays golf. To help others who are disabled or handicapped, she produced an exercise video, "Swim for Your Life." The video showcases the techniques the Pannells used to rehabilitate Mrs. Pannell and bring back an active lifestyle.

Mrs. Pannell is still a bit numb on her right side, but she doesn't let it slow her down.

"Everything I do is a little more difficult, but I do it anyway," she said.

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Out of the water, Chickasaw writes poker 'how-to' book

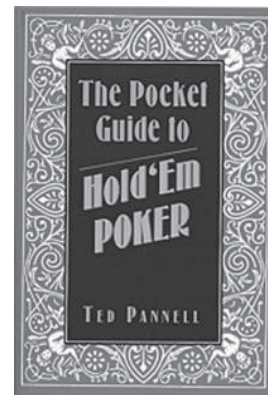
In addition to being a competitive swimmer, Ted Pannell is also a poker aficionado. In 2006, he published "The Pocket Guide to Hold 'Em Poker," available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon.com.

Mr. Pannell played professional poker in the late 60s and early 70s and wrote his set of tips and tricks originally

in pamphlet form. The 80-page pocket-sized book includes

information such as the ranking of hands and a poker terms glossary along with theoretical advice such as not "overlooking the female player" and "poker isn't just about cards; it's about people."

"This is an easy-reading guide for beginners," Mr. Pannell said. "But I also added a few tips for advanced players that they may have never thought of."



Sulphur kids to benefit from newly-funded mentoring program

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Boys & Girls Club of Sulphur has recently been selected for a special mentoring program.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, the National Congress of American Indians is provided program awards to 15 Native American Boys & Girls Club organizations, including Sulphur.

The mentoring program is designed to pair qualified adult mentors with Boys & Girls Club members. With the help of the mentor's friendship and willingness to listen, the result is often important life-changing impact.

Club staff will participate in two-day national training for the development and implementation of the Club's new mentoring program.

The program involves recruiting volunteer mentors who will be matched with a club youth. Mentors agree to meet with their club member at the Club site for at least one hour per week for one year. In addition to offering friendship and a listening ear, the pairs will engage in a variety of fun and meaningful individual and group activities.

With the support of the award funds, the Club has hired a mentor program coordinator who will oversee the initiative.

It has been demonstrated that a trusting relationship with a caring adult can have a life-changing effect on a young person. Research data indicates mentoring programs have reduced first-time drug use by almost 50% and first-time alcohol use by 33%. In addition, mentored youth displayed greater confi-

dence in their schoolwork and improved their academic performance.

January marked *National Mentoring Month*. The theme for the 7th Annual National

Campaign was "Share What You Know, Mentor a Child."

If you are interested in sharing your time and your knowledge and *making a difference in the life of a child*, please contact

Linda Davis at (580) 622-8442 or stop by the Club to learn how you can become a mentor.

Contact *Linda Davis* at (580) 622-8442 for additional information.

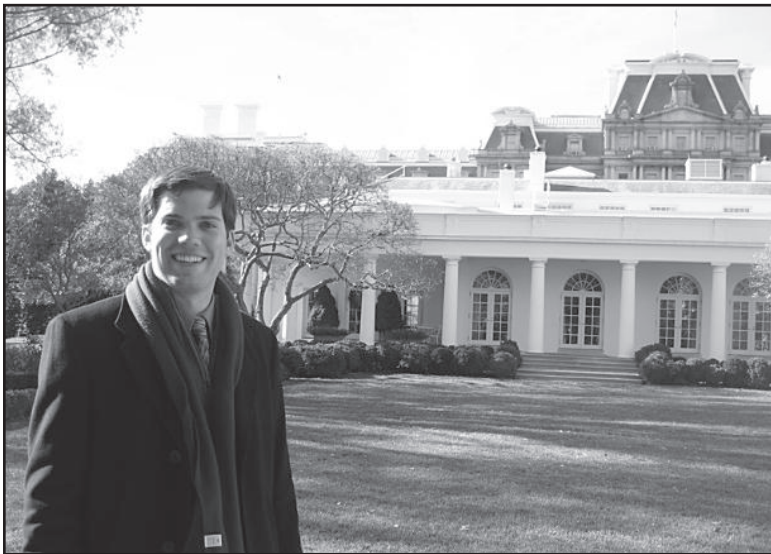
Five generations of Chickasaws



Lois Ross and John Ross, of Fittstown, Okla., at left; Jessica and little Brigham Pepper Smith of Yanush, Okla., center; and Kris-sie Knight of Red Oak, Okla., represent five generations of a Chickasaw family.



Student landed White House internship with study, diligence



Chickasaw intern Heath Clayton in the White House Rose Garden during his time in Washington D.C. Clayton participated in the White House Internship program.

Heath Clayton, a Chickasaw citizen from Tyler, Texas, recently completed an internship at the White House. While there, he had the opportunity to participate in a one-hour question-and-answer session with the President and the Vice-President. Clayton said the session "was one of the most amazing experiences" he had during his time as an intern.

During his White House Internship, Clayton was accepted into the Native American Political Leadership (NAPL) program at George Washington University in Washington D.C. The NAPL is a prestigious scholarship program for Native Americans seeking a deeper understanding of politics. The program teaches students how to win elections, form coalitions, pass legislation and influence the processes that affect tribal governments and communities.

Clayton completed his White House internship in December and is currently fulfilling his NAPL scholarship. He is taking classes at George Washington University where he is completing his bachelor's degree in political science. He will then seek a master's degree in political management. He is also participating in a second internship as an intern with U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-Texas).

Clayton is a 2005 home school graduate from Tyler, Texas, in 2005. Following his graduation, he began his college studies through online classes. With an

interest in the political arena, political science became his undergraduate degree choice.

Wanting to strengthen his educational experience, Clayton began searching for internships.

"I remembered reading advertisements about internships in *the Chickasaw Times*," said Clayton. "So in February 2007, I called the Chickasaw Nation Education Division to see what internship options were available."

Showing Congress the 'bang for the buck'

Chickasaw CHRs to lead data program

Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives are spearheading a project to ensure CHR's nationwide are trained in procedures that ensure proper patient care is provided and documented.

Chickasaw Nation CHRs have long provided primary health care services and a variety of other vital services.

"I just don't know what I'd do without them," said Armour Wood, a Stratford, Okla., resident who has had open heart surgery and battled cancer three times.

Now, the Chickasaw Nation CHR program is leading the effort to help all CHR programs prove their effectiveness to Congress.

Dione Harjo, CHR programs director for Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, was in Purcell, Okla., for a recent CHR training which focused on coding, data entry

Clayton received information about the White House Internship program offered through the Office of Strategic Initiatives at the White House.

Clayton traveled to Washington, D.C., in September 2007 to begin the White House internship program. He received assistance with airfare and housing expenses through the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program.

The White House internship program provides an opportunity to experience day-to-day life at the White House while working on a variety of tasks and projects. Through the program, interns attend weekly lectures, volunteer at special events, participate in tours, and contribute to a community service project in the Washington, D.C. area.

"Twelve hundred students applied for the September 2007 White House internship program and only 100 interns were accepted," said Clayton. "I thought there was no way I would make it, but I received a call for an interview and a week later they called and told me I was accepted."

As an intern, Clayton studied long-term strategies and plan-

ning promoted by President Bush's initiatives.

Among his many responsibilities, he had to keep up with current world events by reviewing several newspapers a day, keep up with historical trends in strategic planning and be involved in countless hours of research.

The internship was not only informative but also educational. Interns engaged in a speaker series, private tours through the Holocaust Museum, the Pentagon and Blair House, and other special events at the White House.

With the anticipated completion of his bachelor's degree in May 2008, Clayton's future plans include continued work in the political arena in Washington D.C., and completion of his master's degree.

"My internship experience has been amazing," said Clayton. "I encourage all Native American students from across the country to apply for an internship in Washington D.C."

The Chickasaw Nation internship program was initiated in 2004 and more than 50 Chickasaw students have benefited from the program. The program works as a partnership with gov-

ernment and business leaders across the country to provide an exclusive educational opportunity for exceptional Chickasaw students.

Intern sites may include, but are not limited to, Native American organizations, congressional or senate offices, native-owned or operated businesses or Chickasaw Nation offices or businesses. Governmental offices such as the Indian Health Service, Environmental Protection Agency and state agencies may also be utilized as internship worksites. Students are provided a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round trip ticket to the Internship location and housing accommodations.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Internship program, contact Chickasaw Nation Internship coordinator Cheneae Lippard at (580) 421-7711 or cheneae.lippard@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations and Valerie Walters, education specialist.

es were limited in the original system. Many times, a CHR would provide care for which no specific code existed. For example, a CHR might often inspect the client's home for safety hazards and provide instructions on injury prevention. Now, these services can be documented.

Aguilar is responsible for training tribes across the nation and has been testing this "patch" program for nearly a year.

Harjo said the Chickasaw Nation CHR program is "always at the forefront at the National Conferences. They really are leaders in both Oklahoma and the entire nation."

The CHR program was one of the first outreach programs established by the Chickasaw Nation. Its mission is to provide disease prevention and health education services within the Native American population.

Community Health Representatives provide services which may include picking up groceries, making a visit to the pharmacy or installing a car seat.

"They take care of what I need, but also anything that I might want," Mrs. Wood said. "They help me by getting my groceries and making sure I'm fed. They're just wonderful."

The primary role of a CHR is to act as a liaison between Native American families and the resources of their tribe and community to ensure participants receive proper health care.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Program, contact Pam Aguilar at (580) 436-2603 or pam.aguilar@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Honor Guard fulfills multiple roles

“Honor” can be used as both a noun and a verb, and can convey a different meaning depending upon context. “A showing of usually merited respect,” “a privilege,” and “to live up to or fulfill the terms of” are a few definitions of the word.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard takes the concept of “honor” to new heights, displaying with its actions and attitudes nearly every given definition.

Established June 21, 1993 by four Chickasaw veterans, including Jimmy James, Bill Spann and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, the Honor Guard’s purpose was to conduct military honors at the memorials of fellow Chickasaw veterans.

“All of the families really appreciate what we do,” said Bernie Seeley, Honor Guard president. “It’s our way of showing other veterans our respect and the Chickasaw Nation’s respect for one last time.”

Members of the Honor Guard serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation in many ways aside from the funerals of veterans. Teachers often ask them to speak to their classrooms about the military and being a veteran. Parades are a big booking for the Guard as well, not only in the communities surrounding Ada, but also abroad.

Other tribes and organizations frequently invite the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard to their powwows, parades and other cultural and patriotic events.

Last November, the Honor Guard traveled to Washington, D.C., to march with other Native American groups in the Veterans Day Parade. There they carried the American, Chickasaw, Republic of Vietnam and POW flags on a six-mile round trip from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Memorial.

In August, the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard was asked to March in a Reno, Nevada parade by the Oklahoma American Legion.

The Honor Guard meets the first Monday of each month to discuss its agenda. While the meetings are professional and carried out with strict parliamentary procedure, there is still an atmosphere of friendship and loyalty, complete with a pot luck dinner.

“It’s like one big family around here,” said Ellen John, wife of Honor Guard member Bennie John.

Today, the Honor Guard consists of 17 members and nine inactive members in the Ada area. The Honor Guard has also expanded its services to honor all veterans, not just Chickasaw

veterans.

The Ardmore area Honor Guard, which was established this year, has six members and is currently recruiting.

“It’ll be nice to have some representatives down in the Ardmore area,” Seeley said. “Here in Ada, we get spread pretty thin sometimes.”

There have been times, Seeley said, when the Honor Guard had attended three funerals and posted colors at an event - all in one day.

People have tried to pay the Honor Guard for its services, but the organization works strictly on a volunteer basis.

“After funerals and events, some people will come up and offer to pay us,” Seeley said. “But we just tell them that we are doing what we do out of respect.”

Any veteran with DD-214 discharge forms and a CDIB card can start the process of becoming a Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard member. Being a member includes consistent attendance at meetings and functions.

For more information about the Honor Guard or becoming a member, contact Bernie Seeley at (580) 399-1228.

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Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard members, from left, Bernie Seeley, Buck Owens and Soloman Gantt present the colors at a Chickasaw Nation event.



Underwood is always on call as veterans’ advocate



Thedo “Ted” Underwood

One Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard member not only volunteers for his fellow veterans in his free time, but has an impact on their lives through his profession as well.

Thedo “Ted” Underwood is employed by the Chickasaw Nation as a Veterans Affairs

Coordinator. In his third year on the job, he serves as an advocate for the dozens of Chickasaw veterans and veterans living within the Chickasaw Nation service area. He assists veterans in any way he can, from helping them file disability claims to transporting them to medical facilities.

Hailing from tiny McMillan, Okla., Mr. Underwood decided as a seventh grader that serving his country was one of his goals. Upon graduation from Ardmore High School in 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. The principles of the military’s teachings were nothing new to Mr. Underwood.

“Everything I learned was really a reiteration of the way I was raised,” he said, “I was brought up to show discipline and respect.”

The Air Force led Mr. Underwood overseas during the Vietnam War. During his service, he saw many countries including Japan and the Philippines and learned several languages, including Thai, Japanese and Ryokan. He was also active on his base’s basketball and fast-pitch softball teams.

“One of the things I remember most about being in the service is learning about other cultures,” he said, “When you are immersed in their language and way of life, you gain an entirely new respect for it and it’s just amazing.”

With the help of the G.I. Bill, Mr. Underwood was able to earn his bachelor’s degree in business from Arkansas State University. He then went to work for the Department of Defense at Little Rock Air Force Base in

Arkansas as a Fire Protection HAZMAT officer.

After 26 years in civil service, Mr. Underwood retired. In 2005, a veterans program was established at the Chickasaw Nation and Mr. Underwood was asked if he would be interested in being a veterans affairs coordinator. He has been busy assisting the veterans of the Chickasaw Nation ever since.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard has appointed Mr. Underwood its point of contact for the Ardmore area chapter, recently established and growing. The chapter now has a van and facilities.

Mr. Underwood is active in veteran’s associations, including the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He represents the southwest quadrant of Oklahoma on

the Native American Minority Committee.

Mr. Underwood chuckled at the mention of “down time,” saying when that precious free time does come along, he likes to spend it relaxing. He and his wife, Carolyn, plan a revival of their hobby of traveling.

“We would just start driving with no plans and end up where we would,” he said. “I sure would like to start that up again.”

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood live in Madill, Okla. He has two sons, one step-daughter and four grandchildren.

For more information on the Veterans Program, contact Mr. Underwood at (580) 436-2603 or at ted.underwood@chickasaw.net.

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Jerod Tate named 'Creativity Ambassador'

Family, Chickasaw recordings led to penning of *Iholba*



Jerod Tate

Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, a Chickasaw who incorporates his heritage and culture into his classical music, was recently named a Creativity Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma.

Tate was named ambassador during the Feb. 8 launch of the Oklahoma Creativity Project at the Oklahoma Science Museum in Oklahoma City.

The launch included a performance of Tate's composition *Dream World* by faculty members from Oklahoma City University, conducted by Dr. Matthew Mailman, with Tate appearing as Narrator.

Tate has enjoyed great success in his relatively young career.

His composition, *Indian Spirit at Mesa Falls*, was performed at the June 2007 OK Mozart Festival Grand Finale in Bartlesville.

His compositions have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, the Master Chorale of Washington and the Buffalo Philharmonic, among others.

Tate received the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has also received awards from Meet The Composer and the Percussive Arts Society.

His chamber work, *Iholba* (The Vision), and his flute concerto, *Tracing Mississippi*, will be recorded June 26 and 27 at the Davies Symphony Hall.

After earning his bachelor's degree in piano performance, Tate's career took another turn when his mother commissioned him to compose the music for an original ballet based on

American Indian music from the northern plains and Rocky Mountains.

While he had not learned the Chickasaw language or heard much traditional music as a child, he made it a high priority to learn, and turned to his father for help.

His father, Charles Tate, went to the most original source he could find, albums of traditional songs recorded by the Chickasaw-Choctaw Heritage Committee in the 1970s.

He also learned what language he could from his grandmother, Juanita Tate, and began using all the resources he could find, including Chickasaw language tapes and the "Chickasaw Talking Dictionary" CD.

He also worked closely with his cousin and fluent Chickasaw speaker Onita Carnes to translate English poetry into Chickasaw.

Years of work culminated in

Iholba, a composition for solo flutist, strings, woodwinds and chorus.

Iholba was commissioned by the National Symphony Orchestra and premiered in Sept. 2005 at the Kennedy Center to rave reviews.

Gail Wein of the Washington Post wrote "Tate is rare as a Native American composer of classical music. Rarer still is his ability to effectively infuse classical music with Native American nationalism."

"You could hear the quiet prayer, sense the heartbeat and feel the wind in Tate's *Iholba*," she wrote. "Tate's connection to nature and the human experience was quite apparent in this piece, which is based on a traditional Chickasaw song, with original poetry sung in Chickasaw."

Tracing Mississippi, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, was commissioned by Christine Bailey, principal flutist of the

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The concerto is dedicated to Tate's wife Ursula Running Bear. It premiered in 2002 with the Buffalo Philharmonic.

In October, 2006, Tate played a prominent role in a first of its kind event at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

He participated in virtually every aspect of Classical Native, a series of recitals, chamber concerts, and discussions featuring American Indian classical composers and musicians. More than 400 area students attended concerts at the event.

Tate is currently composer-in-residence for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and the Joyce Foundation/American Composers Forum. In 2004 and 2005, he was composer-in-residence for the Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Music Apprentice program.

Tate composed the score for "A Seat at the Drum," part of the Public Broadcasting Service documentary series about Native Americans in the 21st Century which aired in November, 2006.

In 2006, Tate received the Joyce Award, which supports the commission of his Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra. That concerto is scheduled to premiere in October of this year with soloist Jason Vieaux and the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis.

Tate is also composing a new work for orchestra and children's chorus, which will celebrate the 2009 opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. That work was commissioned by the American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project.

For more information go to www.jerodtate.com

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The Music of Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate

Performed by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus
A new release by Thunderbird Records

On March 11, 2008, **Thunderbird Records** will release a new recording of works by **Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate**, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. This recording was performed by the **San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus**, and marks the first time a major American Symphony Orchestra and an American Indian composer have collaborated to record and release orchestral works.

Maestro Edwin Outwater served as conductor for both works, the first of which is titled *Tracing Mississippi*, a concerto for flute and orchestra. The flute soloist was **Christine Bailey Davis** who originally commissioned the work. From the composer's notes, "Tracing Mississippi is a remembrance of the old country my family lived in and incorporates traditional songs and dance rhythms, along with American Indian percussive instruments."

Iholba, written for flute, orchestra and chorus, was originally commissioned by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Per-

forming Arts and the National Symphony Orchestra. **Thomas Robertello**, flute, and the San Francisco Symphony Chorus join the San Francisco Symphony for the full scale sonic tour-de-force. *Iholba* is performed in the native Chickasaw Language, and is based on a traditional Chickasaw "Garfish Dance Song." After the premiere of *Iholba*, the Gail Wein of the Washington Post stated:

"Tate's connection to nature and the human experience was quite apparent in this piece... rarer still is his ability to infuse classical music with American Indian nationalism."

The **Chickasaw Nation**, in

recognizing the talent of its citizen Jerod Tate and in keeping with their commitment to the arts, was responsible for the funding of this project. Governor Bill Anoatubby remarks "We are pleased to support Jerod in this phenomenal project. He is an exceptionally talented composer. He has an amazing ability to create unique and beautiful compositions. Jerod has accomplished much. Jerod is a wonderful role model and donates much of his time to working with young people to help them develop their own talents."

The Chickasaw Nation maintains a very strong interest in the arts, as evidenced by their artistic statement:

Thunderbird Records is the first of its kind, a new music label devoted entirely to American Indian classical music. Founder and producer, Alan Bise, upon recognizing the emotional power of this music, has made it one of his missions to capture this music and present it to the public in the finest manner possible. This recording marks the first of Thunderbird Records in a list of planned projects.

San Francisco Symphony with works by Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate can be purchased at the Chickasaw Outpost in Ada, Okla., 212 S. Broadway, (580) 332-1458

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Recognized for media efforts, leadership

Chickasaws in youth government program



CCH YAG media team, from left, Skye Shackleford, Amanda Shackleford, Brooke Davis, JaLeisa Grayson and Brooke Shackleford.

Over 300 Oklahoma high school students attended the 57th Youth and Government state conference February 7-9, 2008 in Oklahoma City.

The Cleveland County Home-school Youth and Government (CCH YAG) program (sponsored by the YMCA in Norman, Okla.) sent 21 delegates, four of whom are Chickasaws. Each of these four either brought home awards or were tapped for state positions.

Two new state positions were created this year and CCH YAG was fortunate to have their two "Chickasaw Brookes" selected.

Brooke Davis (freshman, first year delegate from Norman) received the position of 2008-09 student video producer. She and

the other Brooke will be teaming up to create a video broadcast written, filmed and produced entirely by the student media delegates.

Brooke Shackleford (freshman, first year delegate from Lexington, Okla.) holds the new-minted office of student video editor. She was chosen because of her interest and aptitude in editing.

Skye Shackleford (freshman, first year delegate from Lexington) received the position of 2008-09 layout editor for the southern district and state YAG newspapers.

Amanda Shackleford (senior, first year delegate of Lexington) received the Best Print Media Article Award for her article "The Maturation of a

Bill." Amanda had five items published in the three issues of the 2008 state newspaper.

For more information on the YAG program, please contact the CCH adult advisor, Danielle Lugrand, at cchyag@yahoo.com.

Little Miss Chickasaw opens House of Representatives



Little Miss Chickasaw Alex Walker recently participated in the opening ceremonies for the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She performed the Lord's Prayer. Pictured with her are Rep. Lisa J. Billy, a Chickasaw citizen, and Rep. Paul Roan.



Sulphur grade schooler's tresses to 'Locks of Love'

Tessa Davis, a second grader at Sulphur (OK) Elementary School, donated her hair to the Locks of Love Program. She decided around 10 months ago to make the donation.

Tessa said she wanted to help children who didn't have any hair because of treatments for cancer. On January 24, her hair reached the required 10 inches for donation.

Tessa's big sister, Kourtney, did the honors of cutting Tessa's hair and Lisa Summers, of Lisa's Hair Designs in Davis, Okla., helped Tessa achieve a great new look.

If you would like to learn more about the Locks of Love program or would like to donate hair, contact Lisa Summers at (580) 369-2945.

You are cordially invited to The 2008 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum

7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2008
Raymond Estep Multimedia Center
East Central University

Come join the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities and students of the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities course at East Central University as we honor the diverse talents, courage and contributions of dynamic Chickasaw women and their service to the Chickasaw people.

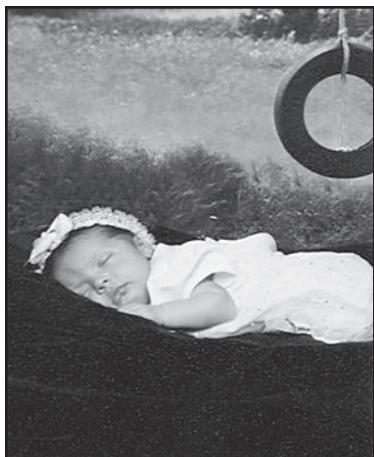
Rich with insight, wit and wisdom, this inspiring annual forum is a candid question and answer format on topics related to not only the Chickasaw experience, but the panelists' lifetime achievements.

Don't miss the 2008 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum and the women affecting Chickasaws for many generations to come. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, or email laura.clark@chickasaw.net.

The forum is a celebration of lives of great women shaping the Chickasaw Nation.
-- Governor Bill Anoatubby



Births



Zhayna Smith

Buster and Lisa Smith are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Zhayna Kalyn Smith**. Zhayna was born at 6:19 p.m. Dec. 13, 2007 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 19.9 inches at birth. Zhayna joins a very loving big brother, Zachery, 12.

Zhayna is the granddaughter of Leslie and Sandra Seeley, Pontotoc, Okla., Audra Seeley, Connerville, Okla., David and Mary Coughran, Noble, Okla., and Kenneth Smith, Noble.



Brigham Smith

Brigham Pepper Smith was born Dec. 27, 2007 at Talihina, Okla. Brigham weighed 7 lbs., 1/2 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

He is the son of Jessica and Justin Smith, of Yanush, Okla.

Brigham is a fifth generation Chickasaw, the son of Jessica Knight Smith, the grandson of Kristina Ross Knight, the great-grandson of Johnny Ross, Fittstown, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of Lois Ross, Fittstown.



Cali Howard

Tana and Jody Howard of Ackerly, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Cali M'Klae Howard**.

Cali was born at 2:21 p.m., Oct. 26, 2007 at Lubbock. She weighed 5 lbs., 1 oz., and measure 18 inches at birth.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Wayne and Barbara Sandlin, and Judy and Mike Holder, of Lamesa, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Truman and the late Wilma Sandlin, of Lebanon, Okla., and the late Charles and Frances King.

She is the paternal granddaughter of Danny and Nancy Howard, of Ackerly. Paternal great-grandparents are Orville and Lillie Seely, of Ackerly, and the late Home and Maxine Howard.

Cali is welcomed by her aunts, uncles and cousins, Cody and Lara Sandlin and their children, Xandi, Kale, Bethany and Lakyn, and Michelle and Kevin Pepper and their children Kamryn, Kylar and Kolby all of Lamesa.



Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.



Mieiah Pigeon

Mieiah Rhenee Pigeon will celebrate her second birthday March 23, 2008. Mieiah is Chickasaw and Creek Nation descent. She is the daughter of Meghan Pigeon, Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Paul Pigeon, Tampa, Fla., and Evelyn and Lee Battiest, Coalgate, Okla.

Mieiah is a very active little girl. Some of her favorite things are dancing, playing outdoors, playing with her Spiderman, and watching her favorite movie "Happy Feet." She also like to go bye-bye and see her E-mama and her grandpa Lee, and she loves her mommy.

A big happy birthday Mieiah Rhenee from Mihli and Tenetke, Aunt Rain and all your aunts, uncles and cousins!

Happy Birthday Mieiah, Mommy loves you forever.

Military news

Jason R. Humphers



Airman 1st Class Jason Humphers

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Jason R. Humphers graduated in October from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Texas.

Airman 1st Class Humphers graduated with honors and was in the top five per cent of his graduating class. He recently completed technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, and is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

Airman 1st Class Humphers is married to the former Ashley Bateman, Seminole, Okla.

He is the son of Jodie Humphers, Stonewall, Okla., and Randall Humphers, Willcox, Ariz. He is the grandson of E.O. Humphers, Stonewall, the late Pauline Humphers, the late Elmer Barnes, and Lucille Barnes, Ada, Okla.

Airman 1st Class Humphers is a 2002 graduate of Tupelo (OK) High School.

Jeremiah Woodruff



U.S. Army Spec. Jeremiah Woodruff recently returned home following a 15-month tour of duty in Iraq with the 2nd Infantry Division. A resident of Mannsville, Okla., and a graduate of Dickson (OK) High School, Spec. Woodruff is welcomed home by his father, John Woodruff. Spec. Woodruff returned home Dec. 24, 2007. We are all proud of you!

Micah Bizzell



Pfc. Micah Bizzell

U.S. Army Pfc. Micah Bizzell is serving with his unit in Iraq. He is a chemical warfare specialist.

Pfc. Bizzell has been on his tour of duty in Iraq for six months.

He attended school in Poteau, Okla., until his senior year when his family moved to Las Vegas. His father, Ron, is a bus driver for the City of Las Vegas. His mother, Grace, and brother, Isaiah, both work for Walmart in Las Vegas.

Pfc. Bizzell said the 30 soldiers in his unit maintain a positive attitude and believe they are protecting the people at home, as well as the Iraqi people.

The soldiers enjoy receiving protein bars, cocoa butter lotion and Neutrogena face wash.

Should you want to correspond with Pfc. Bizzell the address is: PFC Micah Bizzell, MNC 1 Chem. Plat., 355 Chem., A.P.O. AE 09342.

Pfc. Bizzell's grandmother is Wanda Galland. His great-grandmother, Pearl Compton Ross, is an original enrollee.



Chickasaw student named 'Sophomore of the Year'



Norman (OK) Kiwanis Club member David Gore with Chickasaw student Brett Bigbie.

Brett Bigbie recently received the Norman (OK) Kiwanis Club 2007 "Sophomore of the Year" Award for outstanding scholarship, citizenship and leadership.

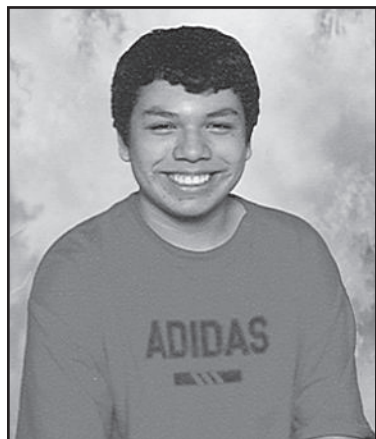
Brett is a student at Norman North High School where he is on the 4.0 honor roll. He has been named to the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, serves as class treasurer, is a member of the Link Crew Leadership Team, and serves as

a member of the Teen Advisors of Norman. He is a graduate of the United Way's 4 R.E.A.L. Youth Leadership Program for freshmen and is a member of the 2008 class of Tomorrow's Leaders for sophomores.

His parents are Bane and Melanie Bigbie, of Norman. His grandparents are Bane and Faye Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Eldridge, Tulsa.

His great-grandmother is Anne Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla.

Allen High School student nominated for listing



Cameron Chavez

Allen (OK) High School freshman Cameron Rojo Chavez has

recently been nominated for the United States Achievement Academy and for listing in *Who's Who in Minority Leadership*.

Cameron was nominated by Allen High instructor Leslie Costner. Cameron maintains a 3.45 gpa.

He is the son of Aileen Littleman. His grandparents are Clifford and Bessie Brown. His great-grandparents are original enrollees Esau and Viney Smith and Louie D. and Chetona Brown.

Cameron is 7/16 Chickasaw.

Sixth-grader to People to People forum



Erica Herman

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently been selected to participate in the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Erica will participate in the forum March 17-23 in Washington, D.C. She will earn high school credit while studying leadership and visiting historic American sites.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Erica will examine the

characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity.

Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience how leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Erica was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential. The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

Erica's mother will be accompanying her on her trip.

Erica is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the daughter of Carolyn (Lawler) Herman and James Herman, great-granddaughter of Hazel (Johnson) Lawler and Emery Lawler, great-great-granddaughter of May Johnson and great-great-great-granddaughter of Salina (Harjo) Johnson.

Erica is a sixth-grader at Nicoma Park (OK) Intermediate School. She has a 4.0 grade average and has been on the superintendent's honor roll since first grade. She has received awards from the Governor's Honor Club, and has participated in several Chickasaw youth camps to include the CNASA Camp.

Tishomingo senior named All-District



Breken Eason

Breken Tyler Eason, a senior at Tishomingo (OK) High School, was named All-District defensive back on the 2007 All District Team in Class 2A.

The Tishomingo High School football team advanced to the first round district play-offs, and ended the season with a 6-1 record.

Breken resides in Tishomingo with his parents, Ty and Jade Eason. His plans after graduation are to attend Murray State College and major in criminal justice.



CSAA

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

WHEN:

Monday, July 14th - Friday, July 25th

WHAT:

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) offers a unique opportunity for Chickasaw students, between the ages of eight and 19, to evaluate and develop their creative potential through formal training in visual arts, acting, writing, video production, music and dance.

WHERE:

Students will attend classes at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

HOW:

Attend one of the auditions.

AUDITIONS:

April 26, 2008

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

University of Central Oklahoma (UCO)
Edmond, Oklahoma

May 3, 2008

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

East Central University (ECU)
Ada, Oklahoma

Students MUST attend an audition to be eligible for acceptance into the academy.

QUESTIONS:

Please contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at 580-272-5520, or email Laura Stewart at laura.stewart@chickasaw.net, or Debra Bailey at debra.bailey@chickasaw.net.



Rosson, Ream to wed in Alva ceremony



Charleen Rosson and Zachary Ream

Mr. Charles and Belva Rosson, of Phoenix, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Charleen Janel Rosson, to Zachary Mark Ream, son of Mark and Wallecia Ream, of Alva, Okla.

Grandparents of the couple are Gerald and Glenda Ream, of Cherokee, Okla., Wallace and Doris Lee Howard, of Woodward, Okla., Carolyn Cook, of Young Town, Ariz., the late C.T. Rosson and the late Carter and Belva Haught.

Miss Rosson graduated from

Tolleson Union High School in 1999. She earned an associate's degree from Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz., and a bachelor's degree in health and physical education with a minor in agriculture from Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Ream graduated from Alva High School in 2001. He earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness from Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The couple will be wed at First Christian Church of Alva on April 12, 2008.

BIA firefighter training



The Bureau of Indian Affairs recently hosted firefighter training at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada, Okla. where rookie firefighters received basic training in fighting various types of fire. Front row from left, Alan Pratt, David Comingdeer, Sheldon Sankey, Joe Lail, Tommy Schultz, Mark Masters, and Lance Weare. Second row from left, J.D. Speaks, Thomas Taylor, Kent Johnson, William Quoetone, Jake Laughlin, Jonas Manley and Charlie Harley. Third row from left, Jeremy Monahwee, Austin Ware, Tony Middleton; Tyler Bandurski, Rydell Klaus, Victor E. Ahtone, Cody Edmondson, Eric Herrera and Stephen Robertson. Fourth row from left, Matthew Watkins, Jonas Williams, Randy Cozad, Jarrad Thomas, Denny Horsechief, Morningstar Botone, Wes Poolaw, Tyla Thompson, Colin Tsoodle and Austin Meeks. Fifth row from left, Woodrow Greenfeather, David Hadley, Eric Fonseca, Anthony Inman, Dustin Witter, Chris Clay, Franklin Lewis, Brody Stamper, Rusty Pearman, Keith Brown; Kendal Bradshaw and Tyler Burleson. Sixth row from left, Jason Poole, Tommy Green, Damon Green, Russell Bunch, Justin Shrum, Thomas Richardson, Zack Christie, Tyler Simmons, Eric Eby, Alicia Bishop, Amanda Lawrence, Jordan Stovall and Shanea Payton. Back row from left, Keith Gaines, James Williams and Jeremy Berryhill.

McSwain renovation



The main stage of the McSwain Theatre in Ada is in the midst of remodeling. Heating and air vents, ductwork, electrical and plumbing work have recently been completed on the theater. Also nearing completion are interior wiring and plumbing on the annex next door, which will house a soda shop, dressing rooms, restrooms and prop storage. The reopening of the McSwain is tentatively set for December 2008.

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Tribal business impresses state legislators

'Bedre' Day' a big hit at Oklahoma State Capitol



From left, Bedre' Chocolate production manager Steve Keene, State Sen. Susan Paddack, Bedre' general manager Nicolas Carlsson, State Rep. Lisa Billy, Bedre' sales manager Jin Jo Gentry and State Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield celebrate 'Bedre' Day' at the Oklahoma State Capitol Feb. 13. A citation, held by Carlsson, designates "Bedre' Day."

"Bedre' Day" was once again a hit at the Oklahoma State Capitol as legislators, staff members, pages and guests enjoyed a taste of Oklahoma's finest chocolates.

"Bedre' Day" was celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Bedre', which means "better" in Norwegian, is owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

"Everyone at the Capitol looks forward to this every year," said Representative Wes Hilliard.

Hilliard, along with Rep. Lisa Billy, Rep. T.W. Shannon, Rep.

Todd Thomsen, Senator Johnnie Crutchfield and Senator Susan Paddack and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby sponsor the special event, which is in its third year.

Those who participated got a sample of Bedre's famous chocolate bars, popcorn, chocolate-covered potato chips and other delectable confections.

Rep. Billy, a Chickasaw and former tribal legislator, said featuring a tribally-owned company such as Bedre' educates others on the tribe's business

diversity.

"It is an awesome opportunity for elected officials to see the enterprises of the Chickasaw Nation," Rep. Billy said.

The Bedre' factory, located in Pauls Valley, is in Oklahoma House District 22 and Senate District 13, represented by Rep. Hilliard and Sen. Paddack, respectively.

Rep. Hilliard said he initially introduced the event as an avenue to showcase a successful Oklahoma business from House District 22.

"Today, the

Bedre' name is known worldwide, and it is located right here in the heart of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation," he said.

Sen. Crutchfield echoed Hilliard's comments, saying the event was "an opportunity for people all over the state to see a business we don't associate with Oklahoma."

"Bedre' Chocolates is a great example of a successful business that the Chickasaw Nation operates."



State Rep. Ray McCarter, a Chickasaw citizen, enjoys Bedre' Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Wright State confers bachelor's on Cales



Laura Cales

Laura Marie Cales of Centerville, Ohio, was awarded a bachelor's degree in art history from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, on November 17, 2007.

Miss Cales graduated summa cum laude maintaining a grade point average of 4.0 while at Wright State. The honor society of Phi Kappa Phi extended membership to Laura her junior year. She is also an active member in the National Honor

Society.

She will continue her studies as a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in art history.

She would like to express her gratitude to the Education Services department for their support and helpfulness.

Miss. Cales is the daughter of Gail and Frank Cales, granddaughter of Robert Vanderslice, and great-granddaughter of original enrollee Jacob Vanderslice.

Chickasaw mom of five earns business degree from SOSU



Toni O'Brien

Toni Elaine (Crossland) O'Brien was presented her bachelor's degree in business from Southeastern Oklahoma State University on December 15, 2007 at the Bloomer Sul-

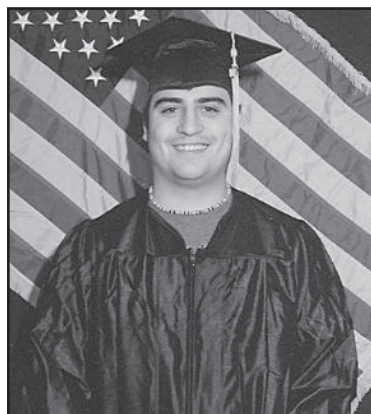
livan Gymnasium in Durant, Okla.

She wore her Chickasaw honor stole for her educational accomplishments.

Mrs. O'Brien has been employed at The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in the human resources department for six years.

Attending the graduation were her husband, Michael, her children Jon, 16, Brittney, 13, Clayton, 10, Casey, 3, and six-month-old Kelly. Also attending were her parents, Claude and Vickie Crossland, Burneyville, Okla., her grandparents, Ernie and Jackie Hoskins and Sally Roberts, of Ardmore, Okla., and her sister and brother-in-law, Traci and Ryan Tate and their son, Aiden.

Shavney graduates from Northeastern



Richard Shavney

Richard Matthew Shavney, of Sand Springs, Okla., graduated with a bachelor's degree in health care administration-health services organization

from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla., during Fall Commencement ceremonies, December 15, 2007.

Richard is the son of Cheryl Shavney, Sand Springs, Okla., and Rick Shavney, Mounds, Okla. He is the grandson of Beulah Marie Shavney, Ada, Okla., and great-grandson of

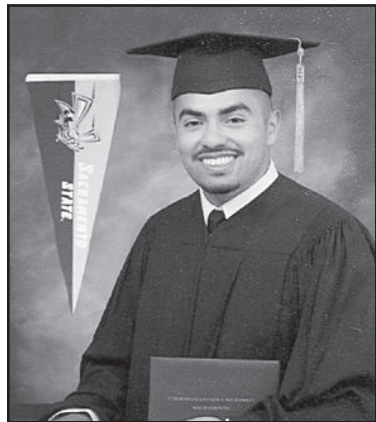
original enrollee Sylvia Gibson Pope.

He is a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as philanthropy chairman and community service chairman, devoting many hours to city-wide events held in the Tahlequah community.

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Gjertsen graduates Cal State



Ricky Gjertsen

Ricky Darren Gjertsen, Jr., graduated from California State University – Sacramento in December 2007 earning a bachelor's degree in communication studies. He earned his high school diploma from Armijo High School, Fairfield, Calif., in May 2002.

Mr. Gjertsen served as a resident advisor for the CSUS resident halls and was a disc jockey for radio station KSSU during his collegiate career. During his high school years, he was a member of the journalism club, a track and field athlete, and a male cheerleader.

On his leisure time, he has an outstanding personality who loves interacting with people. He also enjoys weight lifting, exercising, dancing, listening to music, and collecting key chains.

Mr. Gjertsen is the son of Teresa Gjertsen and Ricky Gjertsen Sr. He is the grandson of Pearlene Gjertsen and Dennis Gjertsen. He is also the great-great-grandson of original enrollees.

Kids' language club meets



Jordan and Rayna Stick play with a dinosaur-shaped robot during the Chickasaw Language Club meeting. The children helped put the robot together and learned how to control it.

The Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) Language Club monthly meeting was Saturday, February 9 at the Chickasaw Community Center Gym.

The meeting theme was Robot Fun Day. Children interacted with volunteers from the FIRST Robotics Metal Mayhem team.

Volunteers gave a quick overview of the FIRST Robotics and conducted a demonstration of mini robots and let the children help build and control the robots.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.



Kelly Cooke waves her hand in front of a motion-detecting mini robot during the Chickasaw Language Club Robot Fun Day.

Valentine's Day royalty



Division of Aging Administrator Karen Cook and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel pose with the Valentine's Day Banquet royalty. Front row from left, Vinola Brown, Sweetheart-Connerville center; Mae Farve, Queen-Ardmore center; Barbara Hook, Queen-Tishomingo center; Mary Lou Nichols, Queen-Pauls Valley center; Betty Edwards, Queen-Duncan center; Patsy Bailey, Queen-Madill center; Betty Clark, Queen-Sulphur center; Ida Elliot, Queen-Purcell center; Sandra Brown, Queen-Kullihoma center; JoAnn Miller, Queen-Ada center; and Bernice Sweeney-Sweetheart-Achille center. Back row from left, Karen Cook, Marcella Cravatt-Sweetheart-Achille center; Jim Farve, King-Ardmore center; Bobby Payne, King-Tishomingo center; Bob Nichols, King-Pauls Valley center; Leon Edwards, King-Duncan center; Bill Bailey, King-Madill center; Don Clark, King-Sulphur center; Rondall Elliot, King-Purcell center; Leon Brown, King-Kullihoma center; Claude Miller, King-Ada center; Mary Cox, Sweetheart-Achille center; and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.



Clockwise from top left, Sandra and Leon Brown, Kullihoma center, share a laugh during the Elder's Valentines Day Banquet. Jim Perry, Ada center, sneaks a kiss in on fellow Ada site-goer Bertha Allen's cheek. JoAnn Miller, Ada site, is starstruck after a performance by "Elvis."



Tribe supports budding engineers

Chickasaw robotics students learning science, teamwork skills



Phillip Vogt of Latta High School, Garrett Thompson of Byng High School and Jessica Nail of Vanoss High School, work diligently to build a mini robot for the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) Language Club students during Robot Fun Day.

Ada-area students are learning the importance of teamwork and dedication through a six-week, problem-solving robotics project supported by the Chickasaw Nation and Pontotoc Technology Center.

The robotics project was formed through the national organization For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST). FIRST's mission is to inspire young people to become science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs.

Through the robotics program, students gain science, engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and foster attributes such as self-confidence, communication and leadership.

FIRST Robotics was introduced to area students last fall. More than 30 students from Ada, Byng, Latta, Stonewall, Stratford, Tishomingo, Vanoss and Pontotoc Technology Center signed up for the team. Mentors from the Chickasaw Nation, local business Motorcycle Parts, Ada Public School, Vanoss Public School, Parsons Engineering and Pontotoc Technology Center volunteered to help the students.

The purpose of FIRST Robotics is for students and mentors to solve a problem in six weeks. Using a kit of parts and a set of

rules, teams build robots from the parts and enter them in competitions. Not only do the students design and build a robot, they also design a website, write essays, work on safety issues, complete community service projects and create a video.

In January, the students attended the FIRST Robotics Competition kick-off at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Thirty-one Oklahoma rookie and veteran teams were in attendance. Each team received a kit of parts containing motors, batteries, a control system and a mix of automation components - but no instructions. Veteran mentors instructed the rookie teams on basic robot building.

The initial robotics meeting was in November 2007 where the FIRST Robotics Competition rules and guidelines were compiled. In January, the design and build plans were established and the group began meeting every weekday evening to create the robot and complete competition guidelines. The group also sanctioned the team name "Metal Mayhem."

"We have put a lot of time and effort into building the robot and creating all the information that is part of the competition," said Jessica Nail, Chickasaw student and sophomore at Vanoss High School. "It can't be done by one person. It is a total team

effort."

With the Chickasaw Nation and Pontotoc Technology Center sponsoring Metal Mayhem, the students will participate in the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City March 20-22.

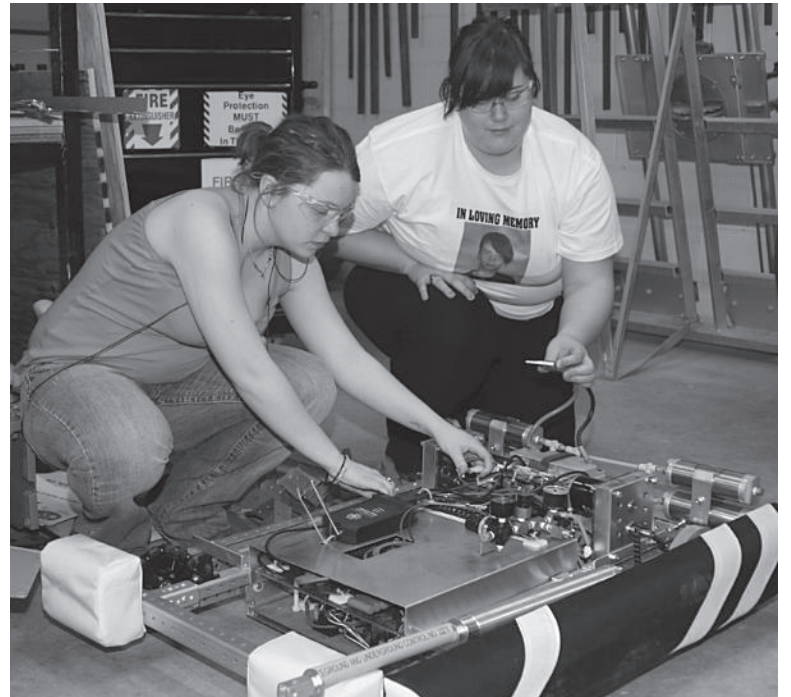
At the regional competition, robotics teams from across Oklahoma will compete, testing the abilities of their robots. Robots will face obstacles on a structured track gaining as many points as possible in a certain amount of time.

"Each track will be square with two finish lines and three robots competing at one time," said Becca Sallee, a senior at Byng High School. "We will receive points by directing the robot through the track, moving 10-pound balls, launching the balls through a threshold and completing other obstacle objectives."

At the competition, only four students from each team will be allowed in the robotics pit during the event.

Every student on the team will be required to know all the competition rules and team robot specifications.

As rookies for the FIRST Robotics Competition, Metal Mayhem students and mentors are traveling to Kansas City March 5 to view a FIRST Ro-



Becca Sallee of Byng High School and Chantalal Brown of Ada High School review the robot built by team members during final stages of competition preparation.

botics Competition. On the trip, students and mentors will see how the competition is organized and know what to expect at the regional competition in Oklahoma City.

Along with preparing the robot for competition, a requirement for Metal Mayhem team members is to complete at least two community service projects. Team members must participate in community service projects promoting science and technology and encouraging others to give back to their communities.

Students have volunteered with the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli Club, a Chickasaw Language Club for children up to the age of nine. Students attended the club's Music Fun Day and Robot Fun Day during which they demonstrated instrumental talents and helped the children build mini robots.

"Through these community service projects, I think it is good for the kids to see that they can give something back to the community," said Lisa Thompson, mentor and Ada High School physics teacher. "You want them to learn from these experiences and to grow up and be contributing members of society and future community leaders."

Team members have also helped pick up trash, and promoted literacy and health fitness to the Chickasaw Nation

Head Start children. They have also collected money through a Valentine raffle to pay shipping costs for the "Tunes 4 Troops" program.

During the six-week robotics learning process, Metal Mayhem members have discovered the obstacles of working as a team and building relationships in a professional setting to achieve one common goal.

"It has been a great experience for the students," said Mrs. Thompson. "The students have gained self confidence in realizing their contribution is really needed to make this project complete. It makes them feel good to be a part of something so important."

Metal Mayhem students successfully completed the robot, designed a shipment box and mailed the robot to Oklahoma City on February 19 as a final step in the robotics process before competition. Students will not see the robot again until regional competition in March.

For more information about the Metal Mayhem team, visit www.pontotoc.com/metalmayhem or contact the Chickasaw Nation Education Services director Lori Hamilton at (580) 421-7711.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Application deadlines, camp times listed

Plan now for Summer Youth Camps and Academies!

The deadline to apply for several exciting Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth camps and academies is fast approaching. A wide variety of fun camps and clinics are planned for the summer months, so make plans now to attend. The camps and academies are free of charge to Chickasaw youth, and are funded by tribal businesses.

May Events

The deadline to apply for **Camp Survivor** is April 14. Camp Survivor is set for May 27-30 at Camp Classen near Davis, Oklahoma. This overnight camp is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and encouraging atmosphere. A wide variety of outdoor activities are planned, from swimming to horseback riding. For more information about Camp Survivor, contact Allen Elliott at 580-310-9661 or email allen.elliott@chickasaw.net.

June Events

Ada Tennis Camp, set for early June, has an application deadline of May 12. Two camps are planned, a beginner camp, from June 9-13, and an intermediate camp June 2-6.

Both sessions are open to Native American youth ages eight to 18 and are conducted at the Ada Tennis Center in Ada, Oklahoma from 8 a.m. until noon. The beginner's session teaches all the fundamentals of the game and the intermediate session is for experienced players who want to improve their game. For more information, contact Matt Folsom at 580-272-5509 or email matt.folsom@chickasaw.net.

Entrepreneurship Academy is set for June 1-6 is for Chickasaw students ages 15-19 who have an interest in business. The academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation, and is conducted on the SOSU campus. Student will stay at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston during this overnight camp. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write

future business plans. Application deadline is April 26. For more information, contact Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck at 580-421-7711, or email beth.campbell@chickasaw.net.

Conducted at NASA in Houston, Texas, June 9-13, the **Space Center Houston** is designed to take students ages 15-18 through a challenging week-long exploration of their own engineering talents. The focus of this school is on teamwork, problem solving, communication, and adaptation to unexpected problems. Chickasaw students will get to see the real NASA in action. Applications should be submitted to the Chickasaw Nation Dept. of Education Services by April 15. Contact Amber Fox or Jennifer Parks at 580-421-7711 for more information or email amber.fox@chickasaw.net.

FCA Xtreme Camp is set June 15-19 at Cross Point Camp in Kingston, Oklahoma.

Deadline to apply for the camp is May 1. This camp is chalk-full of physical challenges including water skiing, water tubing, rappelling and a ropes course. This camp, for students ages 15-18, also features outstanding speakers and great music and emphasizes on leadership. For more information, contact Melissa Wilkerson at 580-310-6620, or email melissa.wilkerson@chickasaw.net.

The deadline to apply to **Golf Camp** is May 12. The beginners- intermediate camp is set June 16-17 and June 18-19 for advanced players. Both camps will be conducted at Winstar Golf Course in Thackerville, Oklahoma. Along with an introduction to the game, participants will receive the tools needed to build a solid foundation for the game of golf. The camp targets 150 Native American youth ages eight to 18 and it is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551, or email chris.alford@chickasaw.net.

Pehlichik Ikbi (Leadership Camp) will be conducted June 21-22 at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center and Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada. The deadline to apply for this camp is May 12. Pehlichik Ikbi is open to students ages 13-18 and provides plenty of oppor-

tunities to learn leadership and life skills. For more information, contact Tonya Bierce at 580-310-9540, or email tonya.bierce@chickasaw.net.

Open to Chickasaw students ages 11-14, **FCA Camp WOW** will get underway June 29-July 3. The camp application deadline is May 1. This camp is conducted at Camp WOW near Gerty, Oklahoma, and focuses on fun, personal growth and plenty of land and water competitions. For more information, contact Melissa Wilkerson at 580-310-6620, or email melissa.wilkerson@chickasaw.net.

Youth Basketball Clinics will be conducted June 30-July 1 in Ada and Ardmore, Oklahoma. Application deadline is June 6. Open to students ages seven to 14, this clinic teaches basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches. Students may choose one clinic. For more information, contact Barry Needham at 580-272-5505, or email barry.needham@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) will blast off June 23-27. This day camp is open to fifth through twelfth grade students. Students spend the action-packed week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane. The camp will be conducted in Ada, and the application deadline is April 15. For more information, contact Jennifer Parks at 580-421-7711, or email jennifer.parks@chickasaw.net.

Two events set in June, **Native American Youth Junior Open** and the Chickasaw

Nation Summer Youth Karate Tournament, offer on-site registration.

The Native American Youth Junior Open will get underway June 7 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore. The event is open to all Native American youth ages eight to 18 and gives young golfers the experience of a tournament without the pressure of a traditional tournament. There is an entry fee of \$20. For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551 or email chris.alford@chickasaw.net.

The Summer Youth Karate Tournament is set for June 14 and is open to youth ages five and older. It will be conducted at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center in Ada. There is a tournament entry fee, but fees for Chickasaw participants will be paid by the Chickasaw Nation. Registration begins at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Matt Clark at 580-272-5504, or email matt.clark@chickasaw.net.

July Camps

The ever-popular **Champions Football Camp** will be offered again this year in Ada July 10-12. Open to male students ages seven to 18, the day-clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership. The camp is led by veteran coach Ken Heupel and features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and several current and former collegiate and professional players. Deadline to register for the camp is June 6. For more information, contact Barry Needham at 580-272-5505, or email barry.needham@chickasaw.net.

The second annual **Archery Camp**, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, is set July 7-9. During the camp students learned the fundamentals of archery, including proper aiming and shooting techniques, and safety tips. The camp is open to Chickasaw youth ages eight to 18. Application deadline is May 1. The location of the camp will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Chenae Lippard at 580-436-0877 or email chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) will be conducted July 14 through 25 on the campus of East Central University (ECU). CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in artistic fields ranging from acting, writing, dance, music, composition, visual and vocal arts. Students ages eight to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy. Auditions are scheduled April 26 at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), Edmond, Oklahoma and May 3 at ECU. For more information, contact Laura Stewart at

580-332-1092 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw) camp will be conducted at Camp Goddard, near Davis on Lake Arbuckle, July 16-18. Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to students ages eight to 12. Utilizing the unique camp grounds and Camp Goddard's hands-on Native American culture exhibit, this camp promises to provide summertime fun and fellowship. Application deadline is June 6. For more information, contact Melissa Wilkerson at 580-310-6620 or email melissa.wilkerson@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw girls ages 10 to 18 will enjoy the **Softball Clinic**, set for July 29-30 at the Ada High School Softball Field in Ada. Former and current college and high school coaches and players teach the importance of positive attitudes, conditioning, pitching and catching techniques and teamwork. The application deadline for this day clinic is June 6. For more information, contact Barry Needham at 580-272-5505 or email barry.needham@chickasaw.net.

August Camps

Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) is a new camp for 2008. Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa is planned for August 4-5 in Ada. This two-day clinic will educate those in grades nine through 12 about the operations of the tribe's court system. Students will meet tribal judges and justices, Chickasaw Lighthouse Police officers, tribal Peacemakers and court staff. The camp will also emphasize leadership and personal growth. Deadline to apply to this camp is July 7. For more information, contact Jason Burwell at the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court at 580-235-0281 or 1-800-479-1455 or email jason.burwell@chickasaw.net.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp (Shooting Camp) is an overnight camp set for August 6-8 at the Chickasaw Children's Vil-

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Kids express themselves with warrior masks

After School Art Program promotes art and culture



Chickasaw Nation Art Instructor Eric Hardison helps Daniel Carpenter apply raffia to his completed mask.

Chickasaw and other Native students gathered each Friday afternoon for three weeks to participate in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities After School Art Program (ASAP) in Ada. Native American students from the area learned about Chickasaw culture and history as well as art forms and techniques.

Each student created his own warrior mask inspired by the

tradition of Chickasaw warriors painting and tattooing their faces to prepare for battle.

Students learned about the history of warrior masks and spent time painting, drawing and crafting their pieces.

"This is a great program that gives our students the opportunity to express themselves," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "They can learn more about our history and cul-

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lage in Kingston. Gun safety and marksmanship techniques are featured in this camp. Students will use CO2 powered pellet guns to learn Olympic-style target shooting. Application deadline is July 7. Enrollment in this camp is limited to 50 students from ages 12-18. For more information, contact Barry Needham at 580-272-5505 or email barry.

needham@chickasaw.net.

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's CDIB card and Chickasaw youth must also include a copy of their citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



KoKo Harris adds details to her colorful mask. Students studied and created their own warrior masks at the after school arts program.

ture while having fun with their artwork."

Artists who participated in the program included:

Chateau Johnson

10-year-old student at McLish Middle School

"I think art is important because kids would be bored without it."

Decoteau Imotichey

12-year-old student at McLish Middle School

"I think art is important because it helps you learn about culture."

Daniel Carpenter

11-year-old student at Washington Elementary School

"I think art is important because I love to draw."

KeKe Factor

5-year-old student at Latta Elementary

"I think art is important because you get to make everything."

Faithlyn Seawright

10-year-old student at Latta Elementary School

"I think art is important because I might be able to draw something for people to remember."

Derrick Jackson

13-year-old student at Byng.

"I think art is important because it is a creative way of expressing oneself."

Courtney Parchcorn

19-year-old student at Byng High School

"I think art is important because it is another way to express yourself without using words."

Micah Hart

15-year-old student at Ada

Junior High.

"I think art is important because it helps me express myself."

Grace Littlefield

10-year-old student at Roff.

"I think art is important because it is a way to express yourself and keep your mind free and be relaxed."

Chase Horton

13-year-old student at Latta Middle School

"I enjoy doing art."

Michelle Harris

11-year-old student at Willard Elementary School.

"I think art is important because you can learn about culture and about artists of long ago. I wish I could draw like my Mom."

Lauren Burden

10-year-old student at Franklin Elementary

"I think art is important because it is the color of life."

Alicia Alexander

10-year-old student at Jefferson Elementary

"I think art is important because what if when you get older your child might want your help drawing something."

Laura Dennis

9-year-old student at Franklin Elementary

"When I do art, it makes people happy."

Alysha Fowler

10-year-old student at Jefferson Elementary

"I get to use my imagination and learn new stuff."

Kira Fowler

13-year-old student at Ardmore Middle School

"I get to express my feelings and get to learn about my culture and heritage."

Anthony Cass-Reed

11-year-old student at Jefferson Elementary

"Art is a great way to express your feelings and thoughts. It can tell you a lot about yourself, and how you see and feel about your culture."

For more information about ASAP or other arts programs, call (580) 272-5520.



Latta Elementary student Faithlyn Seawright works on finishing touches of her mask at the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program in Ada.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, and Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

January Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Andy Antonio

Andy Antonio, son of Juan and Susan Antonio, of Ada, Okla., is a 2008 January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Andy Antonio

Andy is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by Latta fourth grade teacher Bobbie Priest.

"Andy is active in baseball and basketball and always has a great attitude," said Ms. Priest. "I think Andy represents the Chickasaw Nation well."

Andy's hobbies include baseball, basketball, playing the piano and collecting coins. Andy has received awards for reading, perfect attendance, Chickasaw Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll. He also played baseball in the 2004 Little League World Series.

"My future plans are to finish high school and go to college," said Andy. "I also want to play Major League Baseball."

Vincent Baptiste

Vincent Baptiste, son of Randy and Queena Baptiste, of Ardmore, Okla., is a 2008 January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Leadership.



Vincent Baptiste

Vincent is a junior at Ardmore High School and was nominated by Ardmore High School Indian Education Special Services Coordinator Deana Craighead.

"Vincent is involved in every Native American cultural activity at Ardmore High," said Ms. Craighead. "He is a true leader."

Vincent is president of the Ardmore High School Native American Club and the Chikasha Youth Group. He serves as assistant co-coordinator with the Ardmore High School Annual Powwow.

Vincent is a member of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe, football and stickball teams. He is

also part of a group that participates in Native cultural demonstrations including stickball, native dance, storytelling and shield dance.

Karlee Bell

Karlee Bell, daughter of Brett and Denise Bell, of Austin, Texas, is a 2008 January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Karlee Bell

Karlee is a sophomore at Westlake High School and was nominated by Westlake High School junior varsity basketball coach Shannon Stauffer.

"Karlee is a young lady who demonstrates great character through her actions on campus as a student athlete and also in the community," said Ms. Stauffer. "She has a positive attitude and shows respect for all."

Karlee participates in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a leader on the junior varsity basketball team.

Hailey Craighead

Hailey Craighead, daughter of Mel and Deana Craighead, of Ardmore, Okla., is a 2008 January

recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Hailey is a junior at Ardmore High School and was nominated by Ardmore High School attendance clerk Kasey Davis.

"Hailey is such a positive asset to our school, not just in athletics but in general," said Ms. Davis.

Hailey is on the varsity cheer squad, softball and tennis teams. She is a member of the Ardmore High School Native American Club, Spanish Club, Student Council and Ardmore's Young Women's Leadership program.

"My future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma after graduation," said Hailey.

Reva Nail

Reva Nail, daughter of Leonard and Treva Nail, of Kingston, Okla., is a 2008 January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Arts.

Reva is a senior at Kingston High School and was nominated by Kingston High School Johnson-O'Malley coordinator Sue

Shilling.

"Reva is an outstanding artist and is currently enrolled in Advanced Art," said Ms. Shilling. "She has placed in several contests over the years."

Reva is president of the Kingston High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Student Council and the senior class. She is also the FFA vice-president and was the 2007 Outstanding Chickasaw Artist of the year.

"My future plans are to go to Murray State College to receive certification as a physical therapist assistant," said Reva.

Caley Wesberry

Caley Wesberry, daughter of Chris and Stacy Wesberry, Tishomingo, Okla., is a 2008 January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Caley is a senior at



Reva Nail

Tishomingo High School and was nominated by Tishomingo High School fast-pitch softball coach Keith Quaid.

"Caley is a hard-working young lady who excels in the classroom as well as on the field of play," said Mr. Quaid. "She is dedicated to making herself a better person and strives to be a positive influence to everyone around her."

Caley is active in basketball, softball, track and cheerleading. She is a member of the Student Council and the Native American Club.

She has received numerous awards in athletics including First Team All Area and Johnson-O'Malley All-Around Athlete. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Caley has recently signed a letter of intent to play softball at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.

"My future plans are to attend Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College for two years and win a national championship," said Caley. "I also want to maintain a 4.0 grade point average, so I can be accepted into the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy."

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.



Caley Wesberry

Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start celebrates 'Stay, Sit, and Read' with 'Be a Super Hero, Read to Your Child' theme Feb. 12, 2008



Spiderman takes a break to pose with Melissa Morgan and her son Garrett.



Rose McCarty and her children Markita and Markus take time to read the many books provided at the reading event.



Janet Lee, librarian at the Ada Public Library, was the special guest reader at the "Stay, Sit, and Read" event.



Dee Sweet, right, with her grandson Cole Higdon, a Head Start student, and Head Start parent Julie Nail take time to view the books at the "Stay, Sit, and Read" book fair.

Native centennial poster theme, plus JOM art contest

Chickasaw students produce centennial posters



Chickasaw Nation Division of Education administrator Lisa John, left, with Centennial Poster Competition winners from Roff Public Schools, from left, third place elementary, Jagger Andrews; first place high school, Brooke Williams; first place junior high, Jessica Sanchez; and second place high school, Laurice Littlefield. Not pictured is the third place high school winner, Caleb Stewart.



Elementary Centennial Poster Competition winners from Blanchard Elementary School were second place Courtney Clark, left, and first place Anna Stallings.



Junior high Centennial Poster Competition second place winner was Jamie Watson of Calera Public Schools.



Katie Henson of Vanoss Public Schools was the first place winner in the JOM Art Competition.



Chelsie Lawson of Lindsay Public Schools was the second place winner in the JOM Art Competition.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education and Division of Arts and Humanities conducted a Centennial Poster competition and a Johnson-O'Malley Art competition in November and December 2007.

The Centennial Poster competition was open to students attending schools within the Chickasaw Nation. Posters were judged based in elementary, junior high and high school categories. The theme of the

posters was Native American Centennial involvement. All entries received a certificate.

First place winners received \$100, second place winners received \$50 and third place winners received \$25.

Centennial Poster winners were:

Elementary:

- 1st - Anna Stallings, Blanchard
- 2nd - Courtney Clark, Blanchard
- 3rd - Jagger Andrews, Roff

Junior High:

- 1st - Jessica Sanchez, Roff
- 2nd - Jamie Watson, Calera
- 3rd - Gabrielle Burks, Kingston

High School:

- 1st - Brooke Williams, Roff
- 2nd - Laurice Littlefield, Roff
- 3rd - Caleb Stewart, Roff

The Johnson-O'Malley Art competition was open to JOM students in 7th through 12th grades. The art contest is conducted in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Johnson-O'Malley Conference. The top winners from each tribe compete

in the state contest.

The first place winner received a trophy and \$100. The second place winner received a trophy and \$75. The first place winner will be recognized at the JOM conference awards banquet on March 4 in Tulsa at the Southern Hills Marriott.

JOM Art Competition winners:

- 1st - Katie Henson, Vanoss
- 2nd - Chelsie Lawson, Lindsay

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Junior high Centennial Poster Competition third place winner was Gabrielle Burks of Kingston Public Schools.

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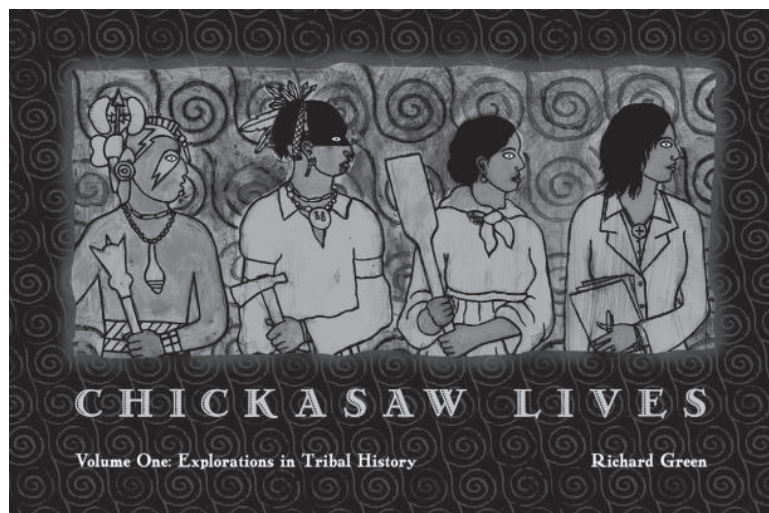
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'Chickasaw Lives' named Oklahoma Book Award finalist



A book published by the Chickasaw Press has been named a finalist for an Oklahoma Book Award for the second consecutive year.

"*Chickasaw Lives: Explorations in Tribal History*" has been named a finalist in the Design and Illustration category of the annual awards presented by the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

"*Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable*" was a finalist in the same category in

2007.

Chickasaw artist and cultural historian Joshua Hinson produced the cover illustration.

"This illustration portrays the incredible journey Chickasaw people have taken through time while still maintaining a connection to our past," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It really provides a glimpse into the history Richard Green conveys through the articles inside."

Hinson said the inspiration

Indian Learners Conference set

EDMOND, Okla. - Registration is now open for the Fourth Annual Connecting to American Indian Learners Conference hosted by the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education. Teachers, administrators, tribal employees and the public are encouraged to attend the conference Saturday, May 17 at the Nigh University Center on the University of Central Oklahoma campus, Edmond, Okla.

The one-day conference will help educators understand the viewpoints of Native American students and their experiences in meeting expectations at school.

"So many educators are hesitant to teach Native American material," said Laura Stewart, Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education manager. "They are sensitive to the fact that they might teach something incorrectly and we try to help them connect with their Native American students."

The Oklahoma Center for Arts Education believes the arts can be used to bridge gaps that may occur among different cultures in the classroom.

The goals of the project are to encourage the maintenance of student cultural identities, embrace the arts and culture of

American Indian students, and improve the relations and cultural awareness of educators and administrators in regards to their American Indian students.

"We need to not just tolerate their culture, we need to respect and celebrate it," said Dr. Isolate De Almeida University of Central Oklahoma art professor. "This conference, more than any other, helps us to see through a different lens and work with Native American students who themselves may not know about their own roots."

On the organizing committee for this event are some of the largest tribal entities in the state, including the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole Nations. This committee receives further support from non-tribal entities including Red Earth and the American Indian Cultural Center.

Registration is \$75 per person, including a meal and make-and-take materials. Group discounts are available.

For more information on the conference or to register, contact Ines Burnham at (405) 216-2588 or iburnham@ucok.edu.

Contributed by Carrie Bradshaw, tribal media relations.

came from the writing of Richard Green, plus a dream one of his friend's told him about.

Mr. Green asked Hinson to do the cover and sent the articles which were to be included in the book.

As he thought about what illustration he might create for the book cover, a friend told Hinson about a dream in which a Mississippian warrior emerged from a wall and went through several transformations, finally emerging as a modern Chickasaw.

"I worked with the dream she told me about and some of the things Richard had written," said Mr. Hinson.

His work resulted in an illustration of a Mississippian

warrior, an eighteenth century warrior, a nineteenth century woman and a twentieth century woman.

He said the image of the modern woman was inspired by professional Chickasaw women in modern business suits.

He said the shell necklace worn by the modern woman is there "so you still have this idea that there is that connection to that first figure even though it is a modern person."

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham is administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History, Research and Scholarship, which oversees the Chickasaw Press.

"We are thrilled that this book was chosen and especially

delighted that the illustration was done by one of our own Chickasaw artists," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. "We think it is very important to help people understand that history, art and culture are intertwined."

Gov. Anoatubby said he was very pleased Chickasaw Press publications had been named finalists for this prestigious award two consecutive years.

"Amanda, Joshua, Richard and everyone involved with the Chickasaw Press really deserve this recognition because they are doing a tremendous job," he said.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with your special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2008**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

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City/State: _____

This child (children) is my pride and joy because:
(include sheet of paper, if necessary)

The exciting, sometimes eccentric wanderings of Douglas Johnston, Jr.

Capitol photo exhibit: Travels of a Chickasaw Man

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

The old man on the tractor wore a pith helmet to protect his head from the summer sun. He had always told people that he had gotten the helmet in India on an around the world tour as a member of the Charles Fisher Orchestra.

But now that he was old, some people in Tishomingo joked about him. "Don't get him started," somebody would say with a wink and smile.

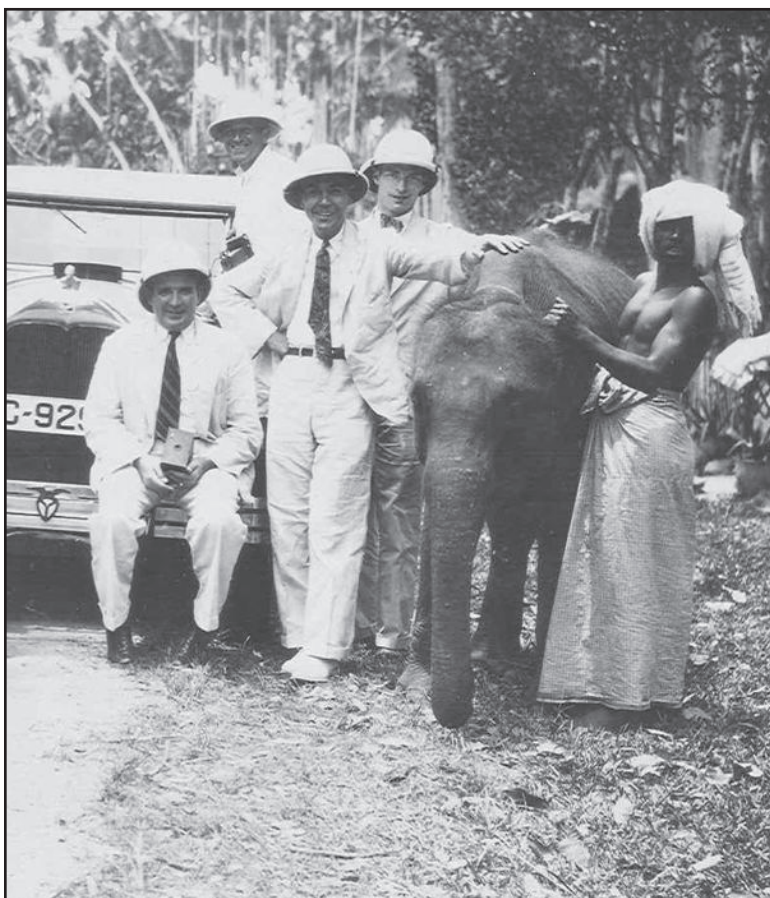
In the late 1960s, he had been holed up for years in the house of his father, the late governor, Douglas H. Johnston. In the governor's honor, Chickasaws called this place the "White House."

The old man was named after the governor, and some people agreed it had been more a curse than a blessing. After his father's death in 1939, Johnston announced his intention to succeed his father as governor by campaigning for the nomination, which ultimately would be made by the President. Although many Chickasaws favored the father's son, Floyd Maytubby got the job because he had support where it counted, in Washington.

Years later, as Johnston's health had declined, some people thought that he had gone crazy, wearing that pith helmet, and rambling on about the Great Pyramid of Giza, the destroyed city of Pompeii or the Eiffel Tower. He sometimes mentioned the magnificence of the tower while telling stories of his tour as an infantryman in France during World War I.

Four years ago, tribal staff members Donna Webb and Regina Berna were ensconced in the Chickasaw Council House Museum going through some 27 boxes of material donated by the family of the late Governor Douglas Johnston. They were planning to produce a replica of Gov. Johnston's office as an exhibit in the then developing Capitol Building next door, and they were looking for useful information and photographs.

Many of the boxes contained family photos, mainly of Johnston's other children, Juanita



A dapper Douglas Johnston, Jr. and band members pose in Ceylon with two new friends.

and Llewellen. In marked contrast, there were very few photos of Douglas, Jr. But this one box Webb was going through was quite different. There appeared to be dozens, perhaps hundreds, of old photos. Many were small prints, 2 x 2, but they were some of the most interesting: several were of soldiers shot against a backdrop of war-damaged buildings.

Some of the prints had writing on the back, all in the same hand, and Webb soon realized it was the handwriting of Douglas Johnston, Jr. She also learned that he had taken these small photos in France during the latter years of World War I. That is, he had taken all of them except the ones he was in.

Fascinated, Webb spent that entire day examining the contents of this one box.

She had known little about Johnston. He had been born in Achille, Chickasaw Nation, in 1895, the year his father built the White House. He had been a musician, composer, teacher, and had served in the military. He had never been married, had no children and died in 1971. But as she began sifting through the remarkable photos, she not only absorbed bits of informa-

tion about him, but developed insights about Johnston and a strong desire to find out more about him.

She found a few of his letters in the box and hoped to find more in the other boxes or better still a diary or journal to accompany the photographs and his travels. Although she came to feel that he must have kept some kind of travelogue, she had no luck in finding such notes. Moreover, Johnston had not identified most of the photos and those with writing on the back had few details. So for the time being, she studied the photos, about 350 in all, and divided them into two groups: (1) photos taken while he was stationed in France during the war and (2) travel photos from the 1920s-'30s when he was touring with orchestras.

Probably using a Brownie box camera, Johnston took the pictures comprising the smaller prints as his regiment moved about France between late 1917 and 1919. From them, Webb pieced together that he had been in the Marine Corps, fought in the infantry, was promoted from private to sergeant, and played coronet in the 13th Regiment Marine Corps band. He was in



Johnston, far right, looks like he might be contemplating the destruction of Pompeii by Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

his early 20s then, but Webb thought he looked even younger, hardly more than a kid.

Content was varied. Some were snapshots of Johnston and his fellow soldiers posing in Bordeaux, the French capital at the time, or in Paris. The Eiffel Tower is in the background of one. Others were decidedly dramatic. There is one labeled "no man's land." It shows a desolate, crater-ridden moonscape with a trench knifing off into the distance. In the foreground the trench is littered with partially unwound bales of barbed wire. British poet Wilfred Owen described "no man's land" as an "abode of madness."

In another especially poignant photo, General of the Armies John J. Pershing addresses several doughboys at the end of the war. Their backs are to Johnston's camera, so their faces are not visible. It is left to us to imagine the emotional turmoil engendered by the scene, given the horrors they had survived, as they listened to their supreme commander tell them, what? Whatever it was, probably none of them, including the 23-year-old photographer, ever forgot it.

In 1926, at age 31, Johnston

joined the Charles Fisher Orchestra in time for its around-the-world tour via the *S.S. Belgenland*. It was the first of several extensive tours Johnston would make, which included stops on five continents: North and South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Photo subjects included Pompeii ruins, the Egyptian sphinx and pyramids, and Johnston and band members clowning with former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey and championship golfer Gene Sarazen on Florida beaches. Webb even found a newspaper article from 1926 stating that Johnston was the first member of the Five Civilized Tribes to travel around the world.

It dawned on her that a sampling of these photos would make an excellent exhibit in the Capitol Building in Tishomingo. For the time being, however, Webb had her hands full with other assignments. But in time, she discussed the photos with Kelley Lunsford, Administrator of the Division of Culture, and broached the exhibit idea. Lun-

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Chickasaw Foundation 'Student of the Month' Kylea Daniel



Kylea Daniel

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal

activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Kylea Shay Daniel was selected January 2008 Student of the Month. Kylea is a senior at Madill High School. She was nominated by Ms. Rebecca Easterling, academic advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program.

Kylea is active in varsity cheerleading and track. She was a 2007 National Cheerleading Association All-American Cheerleader nominee and her squad placed first in the 2006 Frontier City Spiritfest. She has placed second and third places at the state track meets.

She participates in the Principal's Leadership Club, gifted and talented, FCCLA, and STEPS. Her future plans include attending the summer session for Upward Bound, enrolling at Murray State College for the fall semester obtaining her associate's degree in nursing.

Chickasaw Foundation scholarship application found on the web

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2008-2009 scholarship application should be available soon. Please check the website, www.chickasawfoundation.org in

March 2008. You may also call the office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.



Diabetes Support Group

Co-Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and Valley View Regional Hospital.

Meets 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Valley View Regional Hospital.

Next meeting is March 18, 2008.

Guest Speaker: Paul Stone will present on the topic of diabetes and medications.

For more information, contact Melissa Vavricka-Conaway at (800) 851-9136 ext. 82270.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students visit Oklahoma Science Museum



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahoma Science Museum.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs January student meeting was a trip to the Oklahoma Science Museum (formerly the Omniplex).

Students viewed the "Our Bodies: The Universe Within" exhibit on display which consists of "real human bodies that

are plasticized to prevent decomposition and are on display in various states of dissection, from fully skinned to bare-boned skeletons."

Students also earned additional stipends by completing the museum quest gathering information from the permanent exhibits or writing an essay on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prior to the museum visit, a lunch meeting was conducted at Golden Corral in Norman. Sixty students from 21 target schools within the Chickasaw Nation attended.

For more information about the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs call (580)371-9903.

Commitment, support lead to weight loss



Jennifer Hayes

By JENNIFER HAYES

I weigh forty pounds less than I did 10 months ago...How did I do it? Through the encouragement, support and love of family and co-workers.

In May, a fellow co-worker made a commitment to be healthier and lose weight. I watched her make healthier choices and keep a food diary each day. I soon joined in and through her example and support I found strength to change my poor eating habits and a sluggish physical routine. I slowly began to lose weight and feel good about myself after 15 years of being overweight.

My battle with obesity began over 15 years ago. I gave up on staying trim and being healthy after losing my father suddenly to a massive heart attack. He was

a man who loved running and being fit. My dad was a picture of health and when I lost him, I lost the belief that diet and exercise was important. Through my grief, I ate and ate and I was soon 80 pounds overweight. My mom watched the binge eating and she told me on several occasions that I would have to decide to make the choice to be healthy. She couldn't do it for me. My mom was right, and she has watched me change my eating choices and commit to being a healthier person.

This life change included smaller meals, good food choices and keeping a food diary.

Fruit and vegetables became the snack of the day and I make good lunchtime choices. My co-workers and I stuck together through birthday cakes and Christmas parties. We supported and celebrated every pound lost. New clothes and new hairstyles are my rewards. Not only is my appearance changing, but so is my heart. I have more energy, pride and confidence and it is apparent that I am on my way to living a full life.

Exercise was the next step

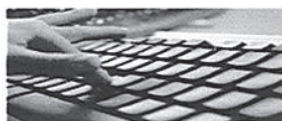
and once again my co-workers were there to inspire me. I visit the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center at least three times a week. I walk on the treadmill, lift weights and I'm mastering the elliptical machine. I have so much energy and sleep soundly at night. My healthier lifestyle is evolving and every day is another day that I choose to be better than the day before. I am proud to be Chickasaw and surrounded with great support and encouragement. Without the daily cheerleading of my co-workers, I would not have the strength to continue my wellness journey. I think that my father would be proud of the choices that I'm making and every time I step on to the treadmill I feel him smiling.

My two children are proud that I have transformed into a mom who has the energy to keep up and play the games they love. My daughter tells me that I am looking so great. Losing weight and being healthy has given me a key to the future. I'm looking forward to raising my children and running with my grandchildren.



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Get Fresh! offers great demonstrations during National Nutrition Month

Eating right is easy - it's simply a matter of choices

We see it everyday... the newest weight loss gimmick or the "discovery" of a miracle food. With all the mixed messages and conflicting information, it's hard to distinguish the accurate information from the inaccurate. The American Dietetic Association has established a campaign to help ease the confusion. The theme for this year's National Nutrition Month during the month of March is "Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact."

The Chickasaw Nation offers several programs and services to help you learn about healthy choices and take some of the guess work out of nutrition. During the month of March, the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department will host special activities to encourage healthy food and physical activity choices.

In an effort to promote healthy eating habits through fun educational activities for youth, the Get Fresh! Program staff will visit area schools to provide nutrition education exercises and cooking demonstrations. In addition, the staff will conduct cooking classes for children during the week of Spring Break. The classes will be available for children ages 4-7 and 8-12. For more information or for registration, contact Alicson Scott or Neva Harjochee at (580) 272-5506.

Nutrition tips from the American Dietetic Association

- Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Use www.Mypyramid.gov to develop a personalized plan for lifelong health.

- The best nutrition advice is based on science. Before adopting any changes to your diet, be sure the information is based in scientific fact.

- Get your food and nutrition facts from the expert: a registered dietitian. RDs are uniquely qualified to translate the science of nutrition into reliable advice you can use every day.

- Balancing physical activity and a healthful diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness.

- Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. The majority of your food

choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients — and lower in calories.

- Look at the big picture: No single food or meal makes or breaks a healthful diet. Your total diet is the most important focus for healthful eating.

- Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe from food-borne illness.

- Do not fall prey to food myths and misinformation that may harm rather than benefit your health.

- Read food labels to get nutrition facts that help you make smart food choices quickly and easily.

- Find the healthy fats when making food choices. By choosing polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, you can keep your saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol low.

National Nutrition Month was initiated in 1973 and is an annual nutrition education and information campaign created by the American Dietetic Association.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

May 2 is deadline for June 2-6 Diabetes Camp

The Annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp will be June 2-6, 2008 at the Microtel Inn & Suites in Davis, Okla.

The camp is designed to educate patients on preventative measures to help control blood sugar through proper dieting and physical activity.

The camp is free and open to patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Participants are allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp. All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age. The deadline for registration is May 2.

For more information or to register, contact Shon McCage at (800) 851-9136 ext 82252, (580) 421-4532 ext 82252 or shondra.mccage@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Pork Stir Fry Salad

1 lb boneless pork tenderloin, cut in strips
1 C broccoli
1 C red bell pepper, chopped
½ C carrots, cut into strips
½ C pea pods
¼ C light fat free Italian salad dressing
1 T. low sodium soy sauce
1 8 oz. bag of salad greens
1 1/3 C. cooked brown rice

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add pork, cook and stir 5 minutes. Add vegetables; cook and stir 2 minutes or until vegetables are cooked crisp tender and pork is cooked through. Mix dressing and soy sauce in separate container. Place salad greens in large salad bowl. Add pork mixture and rice; mix lightly with dressing.

Makes 9 1-cup servings



Nutrition Information: 120 calories; 3 g fat; 35 mg cholesterol; 190 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 13 g protein.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

This material was funded by the USDA's Food Stamp Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. For more information on Food Stamps or the Food Distribution Program, visit www.getfreshcooking.com.

O' Peanut Squares

1 C sugar
1 C light corn syrup
1 C peanut butter
6 C oat circle cereal
1 C unsalted peanuts

1. Spray non-stick spray in a 10x13 pan. In a 5-quart pan, heat sugar and syrup just to boiling over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.
2. Stir in peanut butter until smooth. Stir in cereal and peanuts until evenly coated.
3. Press evenly in pan, using the back of spoon. Cool 1 hour. For squares, cut into 5 rows by 8 rows. Store loosely covered.

Makes 40 servings



Nutrition Information per serving:
120 calories, 5 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 65 mg sodium,
16 g carbohydrates, 1 g dietary fiber, 3 g protein.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients. The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Construction well under way at tribal health care facility



Mike McKee

Construction is continuing to advance on the new 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation health care facility in Ada, Okla.

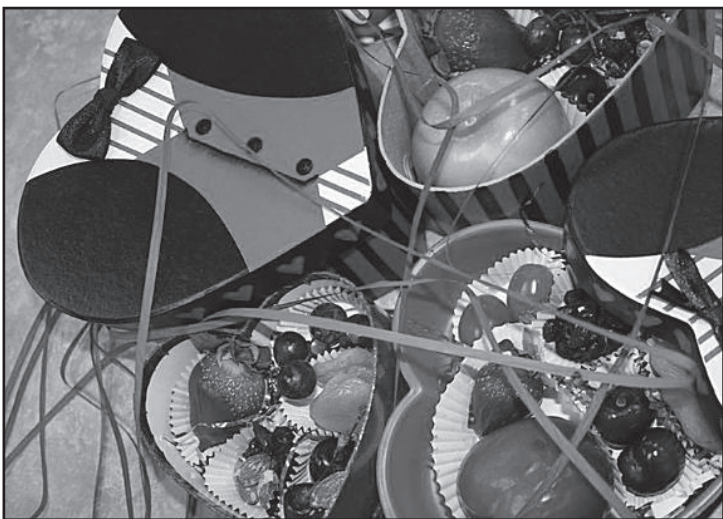
Pier installation is well under way, and more than 50 piers have

been set thus far. The pier installation process involves many steps including assembling rebar cages, concrete casing for the piers, drilling the pier holes and installing the piers with the use of a large crane.



Workers conduct pier installation at the health facility construction site.

Fresh fruit



In an effort to promote healthy eating and overall wellness, the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program offered participants nutrition education and had special Valentine drawings for decorative boxes filled with fresh fruit during the month of February.

CHICKASAW REUNION 2008

11TH ANNUAL Chikashsha Ittifama A cultural weekend remembering Chickasaw Traditions

June 20-21, 2008
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Opening Ceremony
Friday and Saturday begins at 10 a.m.

Join us for cultural demonstrations, storytelling, squirrel stick throwing, social dancing, stomp dancing, Chickasaw games, stickball games and loksi races.

For more information, contact the cultural resources department at (580) 332-8685.

Admission is free. Overnight camp sites are available (bring tent and chairs), RV's are welcome limited hook-ups available.

NO POLITICS, NO FIREARMS, NO DRUGS, NO ALCOHOL, NO PETS

Texas council discusses mocassin, drum making



Charles Holland demonstrates a drum he made as his wife, Debbie Holland watches at the Central Texas Council Meeting.

The Central Texas Council heard an overview of a planned mocassin making class taught by Mike Gonzales. Bill Bellinghausen, an accomplished mocassin maker, explained the process of mocassin making as well as the tools involved. He had several completed mocassins on display for the group to view.

Council members Charles and Debbie Holland displayed and discussed the use of Chickasaw artifacts they use in sacred ceremonies. On display were many American Indian craft

items they have made. Included were several drums. Charles has offered to teach a small class in drum making at a later date.

Chairman Gene Thompson announced he is working on setting up more classes including Chickasaw language classes and flute playing classes. He also reminded the group of the 11th Annual United San Antonio Powwow scheduled for February 16 & 17, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas.

The meeting ended with social time and refreshments.

Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

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The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

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Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Dance Troupe to visit Wichita council

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe will be in Wichita May 10 for a performance at the Mid-America All Indian Center beginning at 6 p.m. to kick off Wichita's annual weeklong Riverfest celebration.

The Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita will host the Dance Troupe. In preparation for the performance, director and caller Roman Kilcrease will be in Wichita April 20 to show the Council a DVD and explain what the Dance Troupe will be

doing on May 10.

Also, on May 17 there will be a powwow on the closing day of the Riverfest. A shade will be erected on the grounds of the All Indian Center and Chickasaws in the Wichita area will be invited to sit there. Bring a lawn chair. Admission is a Riverfest button.

The Wichita school district hosts a "First Saturday" each month at the All Indian Center for children to learn about Native American heritage. Lynn

Stumblingbear, chair of the Wichita Council, said she will notify the school district of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe performance.

The next meeting of the Wichita Council will be March 16 at the MAAIC.

Beading class set for Enos

A beading class has begun meeting at the Chickasaw Community center in Marshall County, Oklahoma.

You can purchase the materials you need at the class, and you will need a container to keep your supplies in.

The beading class meets from 7 p.m. to 9 .m. at the Community Center, 1400 Enos Road, Enos, Okla.

For more information, please call Patricia Bostick, (580) 564-2975.

Marshall County meeting March 11

Marshall County Chickasaw Council invites you to attend its regular meeting March 11, at 7 p.m. The meeting is at the Chickasaw Community Center located at 1400 Enos Rd. Kingston, OK. 73439. Our speakers will be from the

Chickasaw Childrens Village of Kingston, Jason and Jody Holland program Director. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For more information call (580) 564-2975 or (580) 564-4570.

'Go Red for Women' at Ardmore Clinic



The Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic celebrated National "Go Red for Women Day" during the month of February. The clinic staff wore red shirts in celebration of the event and had information available for patients. National Go Red for Women Day helps support and raise awareness about the fight against heart disease.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Goal Setting and Tracking Research shows that setting goals will help you stick to your program. It will clarify what you're supposed to do and let you track your progress. If you hit a roadblock later on, you can refer back to what has worked in the past, or use your accomplishments to re-energize yourself. The Moccasin Trail Program would like to thank Phyllis Trewin for accomplishing over the 1,000 - mile goal. Congrats on your success Phyllis!

New Location!



Oklahoma Optical is now located at 1005 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

A new showroom and large display area makes finding the right style more convenient for customers!

Oklahoma Optical is open to everyone.

For more information, please contact Dixie Ernst-Phillips at (580) 332-2796.

OKC Metro Council hears from Chicksaw scholar on homelands

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council met on the first Tuesday at 6 p.m. for dinner on February 5 and conducted its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The council provided the chicken and

there were plenty of home-made side dishes and desserts! The February speaker was Chickasaw scholar, LaDonna Brown, who gave a slide presentation of the bus trip last October to the Chickasaw Homeland

in Mississippi. Kudos to her for braving the scary weather to come to the meeting! The trip looked like a wonderful time and the historical sites and information about our ancestors were amazing to see.

There will be an upcoming trip to South Dakota planned by the Purcell Senior Center along with one to Albuquerque organized by Pat Bartmess. Stay tuned for more information on these adventures. Robert Cole brought some of his handmade Native American flutes, his talent is truly awesome. The Council hosted many guests from the Chickasaw Nation, including Sandy Sanders; Karen Blodgett, Social Worker-Department of Family Advocacy; Jay Keel, Administrator of the Division of Youth and Family Services; and Lisa Bumpus and Cheryl Goodson, Chickasaw Nation Health System. We again thank them for driving in ominous weather to attend the meeting. Lisa Bumpus and Cheryl Goodson provided information about the prescription drug program available to our group. They said to call 1-888-272-9635 and talk to Cheryl Hood at Ext. 81518. Not everything prescription can be mailed and Cheryl can help answer any questions. Cheryl announced the addition of one more provider and another nurse in Purcell. There is an optometrist who goes to Purcell each Tuesday of the week. Call Purcell Clinic, (405) 527-4700, to get an appointment. They are working on getting the eye glasses process more "user friendly." We always appreciate Sandy Sanders because she attempts to answer all our questions about the health system. The Nation is striving to smooth out

the wrinkles so that it is more accessible to those of us "out of Nation" along with getting the personnel to man the programs as they become available. Linda Giles and Sharon Nelson were also in attendance as our council liaisons to the Nation. In March we were unable to have Holly Easterling, Financial Chairperson of our Legislature, to share information about the Chickasaw Nation's finances. However, we look forward to hearing from her in the future about the financial progress our Tribe is making.

We are having Jeff Case, the Director of the new Chickasaw Small Business Development Center speak March 4, 2008. This program is less than a year old and he will have lots of information for us. What a great program for Chickasaws who need some help and direction to start their own business! In April we are having Danny Thompson give a presentation about Fire and Safety, especially for seniors. He attended our January meeting and we look forward to hearing his information and tips on how to keep us all safe! Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
1800 Jack John Circle  
Ada, OK  
Pat Cox, Chair  
580-272-0549

### Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Connerville, OK  
Tony Poe, Chair  
580-421-4994  
[tony.poe@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.poe@chickasaw.net)

### Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Community Building  
1109 Ray Branum Road  
Tishomingo, OK  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center  
1400 Enos Road  
Kingston, OK  
Patricia Bostick, Chair  
580-564-2975

### Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37  
Newcastle, OK  
Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Pam Conard, Chair  
405-973-8127  
[drprconard@cox.net](mailto:drprconard@cox.net)

### CALIFORNIA ~~~ Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Education Classroom near Emergency  
San Geronio Memorial Hospital  
600 North Highland Springs Ave.  
Banning, CA  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### KANSAS ~~~ Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm  
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church  
1111 N. Meridian  
Wichita, KS  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)  
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### NEW MEXICO ~~~ New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Next meeting March 29, 2008  
Call for time and location  
Chris Rodke, Chair  
505-980-1368  
[Chickasaw.nm@gmail.com](mailto:Chickasaw.nm@gmail.com)

### TEXAS ~~~ Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area  
Call for time and location  
Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

### Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area  
Meetings held monthly  
Call for time and location  
Gene Thompson, Chair  
512-258-7919  
[genevivianthompson@hotmail.com](mailto:genevivianthompson@hotmail.com)

### North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
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For more information on the CHIC Center, call Elizabeth Brewer at (580) 436-3980 ext. 80919.





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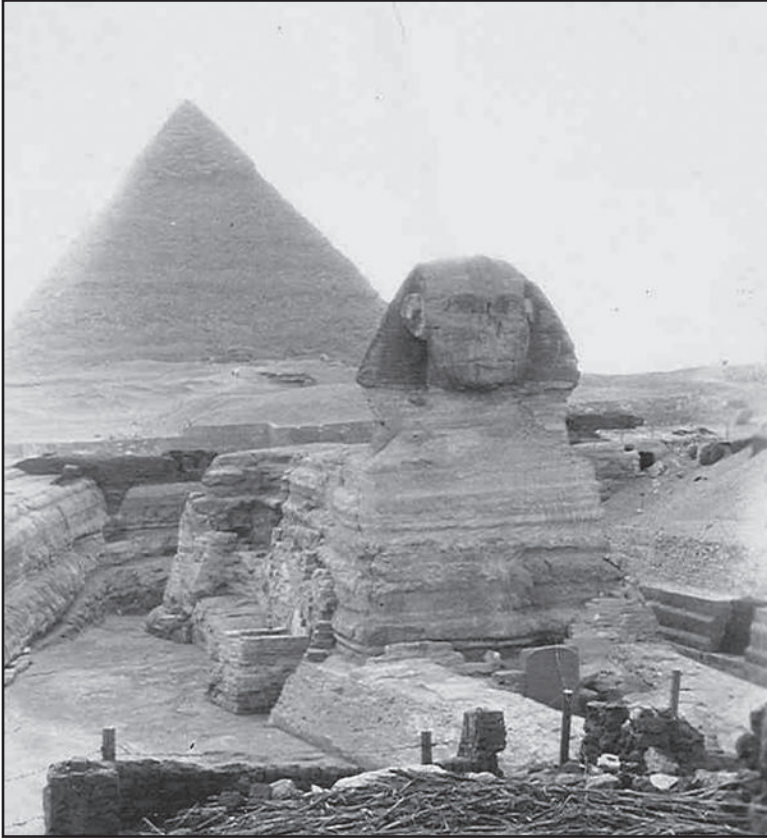
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# HONOR YOUR GRADUATE



## Outlaw Statesman, continued from page 27



**Johnston shot this photo of the Sphynx and Great Pyramid in Egypt.**

sford liked the idea and encouraged her to get the exhibit ready in time for the 2007 Festival.

Webb's first decision made the project easier. She would not use photos of unidentified or unknown subjects. That eliminated at least half of them. She also decided that the exhibit would be divided into two parts--the same two divisions in which she had sorted the photos initially.

By this time, however, she discovered a problem. When she delved back into the box, some of the photos she remembered were absent. "In particular, Johnston had taken some really striking photos in Havana, Cuba, and in Kyoto, Japan and they were missing and are still missing today," she says. "I'm hoping they will turn up in some of the boxes I still need to look through."

Given her task ahead--to narrow down to less than 30 photos--this might have been a blessing in disguise. But in the larger sense, missing a significant portion of any collection is a loss to the tribe in proportion to the importance of that collection. Furthermore, the missing photos served as a nettlesome reminder to Webb that the 350 prints represented probably only a drop in what had been a large bucket.

Furthermore, the collection

contained no negatives. But on the other hand, she found that enlarging the small photos to 8 by 10 inch prints, inexplicably, didn't harm resolution, and in many cases actually improved the image. "I also decided that I wouldn't touch up or crop the photos, she says. "I wanted to present them the way Douglas Johnston had taken them."

When she began her work in earnest last year she had plenty of time to develop the exhibit. But going over and over the photos was not leading to clarity and resolution but confusion. She hoped for a concrete idea or for inspiration to strike. "It was driving me crazy, so for help I called a friend who quickly told me how meaningful the military photos were. He told me, 'People need to see these.'"

With that, Webb decided it should be a two-part exhibition, military and travel. Then relatively quickly she selected the photos to be exhibited, though she was subject to bouts of second guessing. She selected 11 military photos for one wall, 14 travel photos for the other and two photos of Johnston by himself. She was worried that 27 might make the exhibit look too crowded, but when she put them on the wall, her anxiety ebbed. Then, armed with too much research on the content

of each photograph, she wrote and re-wrote text for the labels and the introductory panel. She titled the exhibit: "Travels of a Chickasaw Man."

Webb completed the exhibit as the 2007 Festival Week dawned. I met her the day of the annual meeting and she took the time to guide me through it. I was impressed by the photographs, particularly taken with such a cheap camera, and was quite surprised that I, who had more than a passing interest in the governor's family, didn't know anything about Johnston's photography. I was also impressed by Webb's ability to bring the most out of the prints without artificially altering them.

Later, she said she had spent a lot of time that week observing exhibit visitors. Which photos were they most taken with? Were they reading the text panels that accompanied each photo? Were some too lengthy, too brief? She has made adjustments based on feedback and her observations. But most visitors seemed to like it fine the way it was during their visit or visits.

Webb has other plans associated with the exhibit. She intends to blow up some of the photos to 16 by 20, to check resolution and search for more detail. "Every enlargement has revealed more detail," she says. "In this one blow-up of a crowd of dozens of French people, taken on a sunny day in 1918, my sister noticed that every single man and woman is wearing a hat."

She would like to loan selected photos to other museums. For example, in her research, she discovered various World War I museums, and plans to correspond with curators to see if they would be interested in Johnston's military photographs in France. There are also repositories for photos and memorabilia associated with touring orchestras and big bands.

Apart from Johnston's photos, another box contained sheet music of songs he had composed. The arrangements that she found were played by the Douglas Johnston, Jr. Orchestra, which performed across the U.S. during the 1940s. Think, she says, of Chickasaw musicians playing those long dormant compositions today!

Webb also hopes to produce

a book highlighting Johnston's photos. Not only would a book reach a wider audience, but could also include the information that she gathered, but was not able to include in the exhibit. For instance, she learned that the photo of Johnston and his band mates on a bridge across the Garonne River in Bordeaux (where Johnston was stationed during part of 1918) was used

more than a century before by Napoleon Bonaparte's French Empire as a toll bridge.

Meanwhile, the remarkable exhibit may be seen on the second floor of the Chickasaw Capitol Building at least through Festival Week 2008.

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Detailed maps of the service area in south central Oklahoma are vital tools for the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department, the Chickasaw Nation search and rescue team and Bureau of Indian Affairs fire fighters.

LPD officers can access information via the computers in their patrol vehicles.

These maps include information about which land is tribally-owned, the location of the homes of many tribal citizens, what land is currently in trust and more.

Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal said the information helps officers sort out complicated jurisdictional issues.

"Criminals do not recognize jurisdictional lines, whether they are state, county or tribal," said O'Neal. "Information about the status of land enables our officers who observe criminal activity to make decisions regarding what actions to take and what other agencies, if any, should be contacted."

A database with information on all Chickasaw Nation facilities has also been created and is continually updated. This database includes, but is not limited to, the location of each facility, information on number of employees, structure material, square footage, floor plans, pictures and contact information for responsible parties.

"Instantaneous access to this information could literally mean the difference between life and death in some situations," said Chief O'Neal. "On a day-to-day basis, it is a tremendous tool which helps our officers perform their duties much more effectively."

### Cultural Preservation

In addition to helping protect life and property and preserving the peace, information provided by the GIS team also helps preserve the history and culture of the tribe.

Maps, treaties and other documents created in the 1700s are being used to locate Chickasaw villages, burial sites and trade

routes of the time. This information helps archeologists in their continuing efforts to uncover more facts about Chickasaw culture.

This type of mapping also provides evidence needed to reclaim remains and other artifacts uncovered during construction projects.

Under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, tribes may claim human remains and certain artifacts which may be discovered during construction projects. Documenting historic vil-

lage sites and trade routes will help provide evidence of cultural affiliation needed to claim artifacts and remains uncovered during current and future construction projects in areas which were once the tribe's traditional homelands.

Many of these artifacts and remains are repatriated by performing a traditional burial ceremony in a culturally appropriate location.

Another important project includes extensive mapping of the original homelands of the Chickasaws who were removed to Indian Territory from the southeastern U.S. in the 1830s.

To accomplish this, copies of the original Indian removal surveys from Mississippi were scanned into ArcMap and overlaid onto aerial photographs taken in 2006. This enables sites of historic importance such as council houses and habitation sites to be located among current surroundings.

### Economic Development

Successful economic development activities enable the tribe to supplement federal funding of services and provide a number of services.

Finding the best location for new businesses is vital to success. And the GIS team is able to provide information about travel patterns, land ownership, property values and other factors which are important to finding the best location for a new business.

"The division of commerce needed to find tribally owned land of more than 10 acres, held in trust, having no facilities that lay within 10 miles of the Interstate," said Mr. Ellis. "We were able to provide a list of land that met the criteria in a matter of minutes. "Without having the information stored in a geodatabase, it would have taken days, or even weeks, to filter the information."

The Chickasaw Nation GIS Section has involved East Central University's Department of Cartography & Geography in their implementation of the enterprise GIS.

University affiliates assisted the section in developing data ready for implementation into an online mapping service. Dr. Greg Plumb, ECU Professor and department chair, developed

topologic rules for several of the data layers. Interns from the university implemented the rules while conflating various themes.

"Internships are an important component to the education of our majors" Dr. Plumb said. "They provide an opportunity to gain real-world geotechniques experience and contribute to service learning (whereby students make a contribution to society as a part of their scholastic requirements). The Chickasaw Nation, in turn, is providing experiences for our majors to participate and receiving products in return. Such collaborative work benefits both parties."

The Chickasaw Nation GIS team is making great strides in positively affecting the world around them from collaborating with local entities to quickly and

efficiently providing information to Chickasaw Nation decision-makers.

"It is hard to overstate the importance of the information our GIS team provides," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our investment in this department has paid off in our ability to provide more effective, efficient services at a lower cost. There is little doubt the Chickasaw people will continue to see a great return on our investment for many years to come."

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as a semifinalist," Amy Besaw Medford, director of Honoring Nations, stated in the award letter.

Efforts by Lighthorse Police to implement a standard cross-deputation agreement with more than two dozen, state, county, city and tribal police departments is detailed in the application. These agreements enable officers from any agency to respond effectively without hesitating to consider jurisdictions.

A second submission, the Chickasaw Nation internship program, explains the program trains students to become strong, knowledgeable community business leaders. Students gain relevant work experience in areas of interest for their future career search to become successful Chickasaw community leaders.

Chickasaw Press, a publishing company operated by the Chickasaw Nation, enables the tribe to produce literature related to the Chickasaw experience. Established in 2005 to coordinate all functions of a publishing company, the Chickasaw Press selects manuscripts for publication, negotiates with authors to acquire publication rights and designs, produces and markets the book.

Since the inception of the Honoring Nations program in

1998, the program has been identifying, celebrating, and sharing outstanding examples of tribal governance. About one-quarter of federally-recognized tribes have applied since 1998.

The awards spotlight tribal government programs and initiatives that are especially effective in addressing critical concerns and challenges facing the more than 560 Indian nations and their citizens.

About one-quarter of United

States tribes have applied since the program was initiated and 64 tribal government initiatives have been recognized.

In 2003, the Honoring Nations awarded \$10,000 to the Chickasaw Nation's Chuka Chukmasi (Beautiful Home) loan program as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

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## Chickasaw Gatherings, continued from page 1

expenses for medications."

Many saw the meetings as a family reunion type gathering of Chickasaws.

Suzette Wenona-Locke, who attended the San Antonio meeting, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to spend time with fellow Chickasaws.

"I am grateful that you're here. This is quite an opportunity not just for the programs and services, but for the fellowship," said Ms. Locke.

Gwen Pahsetopa, who attended a gathering in Dallas, said she appreciated learning about the programs and services.

She also said she appreciated the opportunity to meet with other Chickasaws because, "a lot of us don't get the chance

to make it up there (to Oklahoma)."

Those sentiments were echoed by many others.

There are a variety of activities scheduled for each location. Please visit [www.chickasaw.net/sal](http://www.chickasaw.net/sal) for more information, or call 1-866-1481

**Schedule of Chickasaw Gatherings**  
**April 5 – Waco, Texas**  
**May 17 – Bakersfield, California**  
**June 21 – Portland, Oregon**

**July 19 – Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**August 09 – Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
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ston County, Oklahoma.

**Property Location:** Adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

**Use:** Expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol property.

**Presented by:** Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-019**

**Gubernatorial Appointment – Chickasaw Nation Election Commission**

**Mr. Jerry D. Malaney**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary

Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-020**

**Gubernatorial Appointment – Chickasaw Nation Election Commission**

**Mr. Catherine Wood**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Catherine Wood to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-021**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.**

**Mr. Bob Engle**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill

Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Bob Engle to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Bob Engle will fill a three-year term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-022**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.**

**Mr. Marvin Mitchell**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Marvin Mitchell to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Marvin Mitchell will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-023**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.**

**Mr. Neal McCaleb**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Neal McCaleb to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Na-

tion Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Neal McCaleb will fill a term of office ending on October 01, 2009.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number GR 25-024**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.**

**Mr. Brian Campbell**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. Mr. Brian Campbell will fill a

term of office ending on October 01, 2009.

**Presented By:** Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes voters: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 25-025**

**Designation of Change of Legislative Session Day**

**Explanation:** This resolution changes the Legislative Session for March, 2008, to Monday, March 24, 2008, at 9:00 AM at Ada, Oklahoma. Such change is necessary due to a conflict with the third Friday in March being Good Friday, a tribal holiday.

**Emergency:** This resolution is declared an emergency because it was received after the first Friday in February, but it must be considered prior to March, 2008.

**Presented By:** Legislative Committee

Steve Woods, Chairman

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**10 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR25-011 carried unanimously.**

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

**(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

**(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

The Education Committee report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

The Health Care Committee report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

**(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair

Scott Colbert

No report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)

A presentation was given by the Chickasaw Honor Guards.

Mr. James Humes commented on the appointments to the LLC, the hospital bond issue, and the Session minutes that appears in the *Chickasaw Times*.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on the Aging Senior Service Program's budget, the Burial Assistant Grant, and the Services at Large budget.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

# Archery Shoot

**June 21, 2008**  
**Chikashsha Reunion**  
**Kullihoma**

Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Located: 7 miles northeast of Ada, on Hwy. 1,  
then 3 miles east and 1 mile south.

No Entry Fee  
Two Categories—Adult & Jr.  
Compound Bow & Long Bow/Recurve  
1st, 2nd & 3rd place  
No sights allowed

For more information, contact  
the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department  
at (580) 332-8685.



*Kelsie Morris*

Services for Kelsie Morris, 79, Ada, Okla., were Feb. 5, 2008 at Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church, Ada with Revs. Frank Trent and Jeff Frazier officiating. Burial followed in Steedman Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris died February 1, 2008 at an Oklahoma City hospital. She was born January 28, 1929 at Kullihoma, Okla., to Watt and Minnie Nelson Alexander. She attended Kullihoma school.

She married Richard Morris July 2, 1970 at Stratford, Okla. He died December 10, 1997. Mrs. Morris was a homemaker and spoke fluent Chickasaw, and was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Terry Miller; a granddaughter, Liz Carpenter; grandsons, Scott Carpenter and Billy Jack Carpenter; a sister, Opal Jordan; brothers, Jim Alexander, Austin Alexander, Willis Alexander, Donald Alexander, Larry Alexander, Edmond Alexander, and John Alexander.

Survivors include her children, Carl Carpenter and wife Linda, Tulsa, Kenneth Carpenter and wife Brenda, Checotah, Okla., Sue Fish and husband Willie, Norman, Okla., Shirley Miller and fiancé Matt, Moore, Okla., Connie Wear and husband Randy, Mattie Thurman, Dusty Miller and wife Savina, Leta Burwell and fiancé, Robert Thompson, Tami Morris, and Mae Blankenship and husband Eddie, all of Ada; three sisters, Lou Yargee and husband Henry, Allen, Okla., Leota Allen, Mesquite, Texas, and Linda Berry and husband Ron, Noble, Okla.; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were her grandsons, William Fish, Justin Miller, Keith Carpenter, Charlie Carpenter, Matt Carpenter, and Joe Carpenter.

*Leora Sealy*

Services for Leora Sealy, 84, Ada, Okla., were Feb. 6, 2008 at Faith Baptist Church with the Revs. Toney Buck and Bill Frazier officiating. Burial followed in Sandy Cemetery, near Sulphur, Okla. Mrs. Sealy died Feb. 2, 2008 at a local hospital. She was born Nov. 16, 1923 at Connerville, Okla., to Iverson and Ida Ned Alexander.

She attended Bloomfield Academy and Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla. She was a former cook for the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Program, a member of Oak Grove Indian Baptist Church in Roff, Okla., and a former member of W.M.U.

She married Emerson Lee Sealy Feb. 26, 1945 at Ada. He died Nov. 16, 1990.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Andrew Alexander; and two sisters, Pearline Carter and Virgie James.

She is survived by two daughters, Della Miller and husband, Alvis, and Robin Fulsom and husband Weldon, all of Ada; grandchildren, Lisa Myers, Oklahoma City, Richard Myers, Seminole, Okla., Oscar Worcester, Cushing, Okla., Billy Martin, Jr., Krystal Myers, and Char Johnson, all of Ada; six great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Charlie Carter, Connerville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Bearers were Ray Meely, Buster Greenwood, Larry Colbert, Jay Mule, Douglas Worcester, and Jade John. Honorary bearers were Edison Sealy, Dale Parker and Gary Harrison.

*Phyllis Larman Burnett*

Phyllis Larman Burnett died Jan. 10, 2008 at Oklahoma City. She was born Feb. 5, 1941 at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Burnett became ill in 2002 and fought the good fight never complaining. She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage, and the granddaughter of original enrollee Pearl Carlton Cole.

She was a bright light full of smiles. She will be deeply missed and her daily phone calls will be missed.

She loved all her friends at the Washita Point Hideaway and was thankful to them for taking her into their hearts and making her their friend.

She is survived by her husband and best friend, Jim Burnett of Kingston, Okla.; a daughter Jan; two grandchildren; a sister Martha; and two brothers, Chris and Sonny.

*Richard F. Morrissey*

Richard F. Morrissey, 48, Midwest City, Okla., died Jan. 23 at his home. Memorial services were Jan. 26, 2008, at Candlewood Chapel. He was born March 29, 1959 in Altus, Okla., to Robert A. and Lula Mae Morrissey.

He was a 1977 graduate of Midwest City High School and later attended Rose State College, Midwest City. He worked at Tinker Air Force Base for 30 years. He loved his Oklahoma Sooners, rain or shine, he would stay until the last second on the clock to cheer his Sooners on. He also loved baseball (Baltimore Orioles) and played softball.

Mr. Morrissey was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Alton Morrissey; a brother, Ray Morrissey; his grandparents, Vivian and

Bill Bourland and Estelle and Joe Kelley; and his great-grandmother, Lula Bourland..

He is survived by his mother, Lula Mae Morrissey; three siblings, Bert of Midwest City, Gail Charlsye of Durant, Okla., and Lynn Bolay and husband Sid of Edmond, Okla.; his aunts and uncles, Kitty and Dwayne Stephens of Oklahoma City, Mary and Frank Bourland of Texas and Ada and Bud O'Donnell of Massachusetts; two nephews, Blake and Thomas.

He will be missed by his cat, Honey Bear and many family, friends and work family.

*Rosie L. Elliott*

Rosie L. Elliott, 89, of Wright City, Okla., died Feb. 17, 2008. She was born Aug. 20, 1918, Fittstown, Okla., to Callie "Peck" and Salina (Colbert) Cunningham. Services were Feb. 20, 2008 at the Wright City

First Assembly of God Church with Bro. Troy Ruffin and Bro. Lynn Gaskey officiating. Interment followed at Slater Cemetery, Wright City.

She traveled from Ada, Okla., as a child in a covered wagon and lived the rest of her life in McCurtain County. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and neighbor. If you had a need she would be there to take care of you. She loved to cook and nobody could make biscuits the way she could. Her heart was as warm as her kitchen. Putting together big meals for her "kids". Her treasured moments were those spent with her "kids" around her. She enjoyed sewing, fishing and raising her garden every spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, "B.B." Elliott 2000; her parents; and four brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Wanda Elliott, Michael and Lavern Elliott, and Bernie, Jr., and Judy Elliott, all of Wright City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jerry and Keneth Fennell, Valliant, Okla., and Bertie and Billy Don Parsons, Ringold, Okla.; a brother, Frank Cunningham, Wright City; a sister, Pearline Mae Slabaugh, Broken Bow, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and many friends.

*Note of thanks*

During the loss of our Mom, we learned how much our family and friends really mean to us. Thanks so much for everyone's sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. We gratefully acknowledge Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and the Chickasaw Nation employees for all their kindness and thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

**The Family of Kelsie Morris**

*Note of thanks*

We would like to thank all family, friends and co-workers for the prayers of support, food, flowers, plants and donations during the loss of our loved one Les Gipson. We appreciated the words of encouragement from pastors, Tony Poe and Randy Wade. Thanks to Nancy Wade and the Temple of God Worship Team for the beautiful songs and Mitchell Memorial for the Choctaw Hymns.

We would also like to thank the Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and the employees for the food and flowers. A special thank you to Lynie Richardson and family for preparing the meal after the funeral. It was very much appreciated. Thanks to Dusty Newport for the wonderful power point presentation in remembrance of Les.

May God Bless Each and Everyone of you.

**The family of Leslie Lee Gipson**



## Gordon Willis Burkett



Gordon Willis Burkett was born December 26, 1919 and departed this life to be with his Lord on December 24, 2007. Born near Newcastle, Oklahoma he was one of seven children of Ed and Auda Burkett, and the grandson of Chickasaw original enrollee Susie Brown-Burkett. He attended elementary and secondary school in Newcastle graduating in 1939.

Mr. Burkett married Margaret Louise Williamson on May 7, 1941. He served for 28 months in the South Pacific during World War II and continued his service in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer in October of 1959.

After retiring from the Air Force, Mr. Burkett owned and operated Gordon's Grass Lawn Sod Company in south Oklahoma City.

During his full - time retirement, he enjoyed traveling with Margaret and the Oklahoma City Retired Citizens Travel Club. He was an avid OU fan and enjoyed watching both Sooner football and basketball games. He and Margaret were members of Exchange Avenue Baptist Church where he was active in his Sunday school class and Silver Set Seniors. He was a member of Tuttle Masonic Lodge #405.

Mr. Burkett will be remembered for his quick wit, and sense of humor. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and never met a stranger.

Mr. Burkett is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret, of the home, two daughters, Lu Ann Baker of Alva, Okla., and Debo-

rah Cox and husband Bruce, of Edmond, Okla., a sister, Louise Carpenter, Wichita Falls, Texas; two brothers, Robert Burkett and wife Mildred of Midland, Texas, and Gerald Burkett and wife Betty, of Houston, sister-in-law Elora Burkett, Oklahoma City; and brother-in-law Chick Houck, Oklahoma City.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Erin Stuck and husband Tim, of Alva, Chris Baker, Alva, Zane Shaw, Geoffrey Shaw, and Harrison Shaw all of Edmond, Okla., and Brett Cox and Cassandra Cox both of Keller, Texas. He had one great-granddaughter, Kimberly Stuck, of Alva. He leaves numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Roy Burkett and Leo Burkett and wife Fannie, sister Mary Houck, brother-in-law Marshall Carpenter and son-in-law William R "Bill" Baker.

Closed casket services were held Friday, December 28, 2007 at Resthaven Funeral Home, Oklahoma City. Memorials can be directed to Exchange Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

## Joe Scott Coyle

Joe Scott Coyle of Burneyville, Okla., died Feb. 12, 2008, near Burneyville at the age of 40. He was born July 10, 1967 at Ardmore, Okla. Graveside services were Feb. 15, 2008 at Leon Cemetery, Leon, Okla., with the Rev. Jim Roluti officiating.

A resident of Love (OK) County all his life, Mr. Coyle was a rancher and operated the family ranch, Coyle Farms.

He graduated from Turner High School in 1985 and then completed an auto body course at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, Ardmore. He was a member of the Jimtown Volunteer Fire Department for six years and served as Fire Chief four years.

A member of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Coyle was proud of his Native American heritage.

His hobby was team roping and he truly loved his horses. He also enjoyed raising and selling red heelers. He enjoyed live to the fullest and treasured the time he could spend with his friends and family, especially his three nephews, Blake Allen, Michael and Wylie Coyle.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Lillie Coyle; and maternal grandparents, Robert "Bob" and Georgie Hartman.

He is survived by his parents, Elray and Jo Coyle, of the home; a brother, Raymond B. "Robby" Coyle, Burneyville, Okla.; paternal grandfather, Raymond Coyle, Marietta, Okla.; three nephews, Michael Coyle, Blake Coyle, and Wylie Coyle, all of Burneyville; aunts and uncles, Raemona and Louis Perry, Wynnewood, Okla., Bobby Mays, Healdton, Okla., Jack and Janeane Hartman, Leon, Okla.; and very special friend, Burla Sue Miller, Jimtown, Okla.

Honorary bearers were Michael Coyle, Blake Coyle, Randy Gray, Bruce Mobley, Brian Ladner, Johnny Hartman, and all his roping buddies.

Online guest book at: [wattsfuneralhome.com](http://wattsfuneralhome.com)

## Beth Pleasant Branch

Beth Pleasant Branch was born December 3, 1953. She died Feb. 24, 2007.

Services were at the Chapel of the Garden, Rice Funeral Service, Claremore, Okla. Fr. George Ebert officiated. Burial followed in Pontotoc Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla.

Mrs. Branch worked at the Indian Health Service hospital at Claremore for 29 years. She was a graduate of McLoud (OK) High School and the William Center in Tulsa. She trained both as a dental hygienist and a respiratory therapist. She completed her respiratory therapy internship at Deaconess Hospital.

Mrs. Branch was an artist and played the keyboard, and she loved to fish. She treasured the companionship of her animals, especially her two faithful dogs, Bunny and Dixie.

She was assisted by Kennedy Brown at the Chickasaw Nation and her grandmother in obtaining the resources to continue her education. She and her family were always very grateful to the Chickasaw Nation.

Beth Pleasant and J.T. Branch were married Dec. 18, 1982 in Claremore.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; her mother, Christine Bryant and husband Steve, of Vian, Okla.; her father, Herbert Pleasant Ward and wife Jewel, of McAlester,

Okla.; a sister, Rozanna Hammer and husband Lawrence, of Lost City, Okla.; an uncle, Billy Blue Bryant, of the Philippines; twin nephews Dennis and Travis Stuermer, of Midwest City, Okla.; a niece, Star Scott, Park Hill, Okla.; two great aunts, Leona Bryant Steelman, Ada, Okla. and Josephine Rogers and husband John, of Oceanside, Calif.; and a great nephew, James Thomas, Park Hill.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, original enrollee Martha Lee Carney Bryant; her great-grandfather, Herbert Pleasant Ward; her great-great-grandfather, original enrollee Burney Carney; her great-great-great grandfather Reubin Carney, an original enrollee and tribal judge; and her great-great aunts Sally Carney, Liza Carney, Sarah Carney, Louise Carney and Mary Carney.

## Note of thanks

Please accept my deep apologies for the tardiness in submitting the obituary of my daughter, Beth Pleasant Branch.

To those who knew Beth and have expected this announcement, I hope you will understand. Anyone who has lost a child can understand how hard it is to let go, and to see it on the written page.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation and everyone for the support.

Christine Summer

## In Loving Memory of Layla (Frazier) Goodpasture September 17, 1980 – March 6, 2006 And Jessie Sierra Altman-Frazier July 20, 2003 – March 6, 2006

Faded Footprints in the Sand

It's been over a billion years ago since God's face was against the waters,

And now it's been two years since the loss of my two precious daughters.

Just as a rock dropped into a pond has ripples running to the edges and back again,

So does your memory remain, constantly, some days stronger as when it first began.

The scriptures say, to God, a mere thousand years seem to him as just one day,

And though you've been gone two years, the pain to me, is just as real as yesterday.

Layla, I look at your wedding pictures, remembering your laughter and very happy day,

And also, as I tried to hang on to you a mere second longer, before I gave you away.

And Jessie, I still bounce the ball you won on Easter Sunday at Blue Baptist Church,

As a reminder of the giggles and laughter of the many Easter eggs found on your search.

You've taught me not to fear death, but to live every day aside as under God's grace,

For if I die in my sleep, when I awake, the next thing I will see is your smiling face.

As I think about the wreckage and the pain you both went through on that horrible day,

Inwardly I had to think hard and then humble myself, just to hear what God had to say.

Silently HE stated that mortal man, through Satan, had cursed that wreckage on that day,

And through their Belief and Innocence, Jesus had carried their breath and souls away.

Belvin Frazier

We miss you every day.

From your families.





# Flu virus hitting Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) monitors influenza activity each year. Influenza activity is now widespread throughout the state of Oklahoma. While the flu is not always preventable, there are some things that you can do to help protect yourself against seasonal flu outbreaks.

- **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick and when you are sick, keep your distance from others to prevent the spread of germs.

- **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.



- **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

- **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. When available, wash your hands with soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds, scrubbing vigorously. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used.

- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches these areas of the face.

- **Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of

sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.

According to the CDC, if you have not received your flu vaccine you may still benefit from receiving the vaccination between now and May 2008. In addition, if you are Native American, the pregnant spouse of a Native American or a Chickasaw Nation Health System Employee you are eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge.

Please contact your primary health care provider or Carl Albert Indian Health Facility at (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136 for more information. Health system employees may receive the vaccine at the employee health office.

A portion of this information was provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Tulsa Powwow Princess committee now accepting applications

The Tulsa Powwow Princess committee is now accepting applications for the 2008-09 Tulsa Powwow Princess. Go to [www.tulsapowwow.org](http://www.tulsapowwow.org) for more information and download the application for further instructions.

Girls and young women must be between ages 15-21, maintain

a 3.0 GPA, and own or have access to a tribal dress. Application must be completed and received by Tulsa Powwow Princess Committee by March 21, 2008 at 5 p.m., no exceptions. Selection and notification will be April 5, 2008. For questions please call Linda Bolin at (918) 630-1958.

## OKC Indian bowling tourney set for April 5-6

Pokko Cvleckv 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater OKC Indian Bowling Tournament is scheduled for April 5-6 at Windsor Lanes, 4600 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St., in Oklahoma City.

The tournament features singles, doubles and team events.

The host hotel for the tournament is Howard Johnson Inn-OKC. Rooms are \$69 per night,

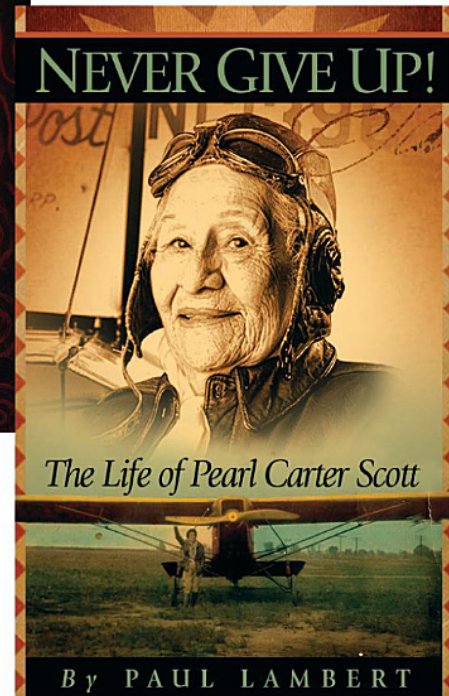
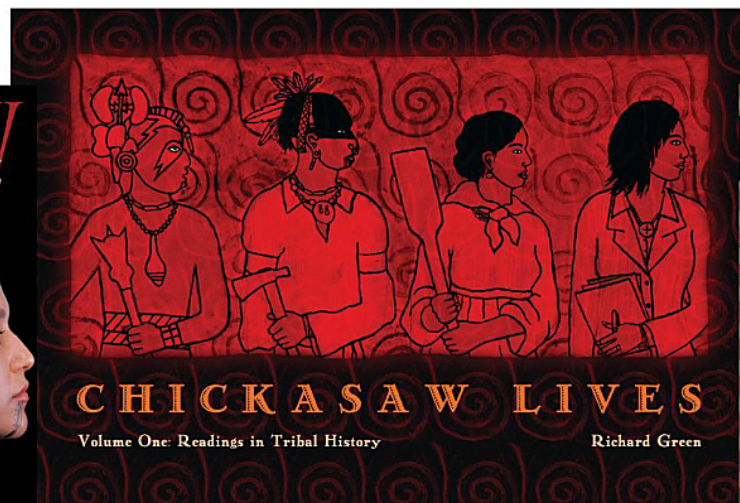
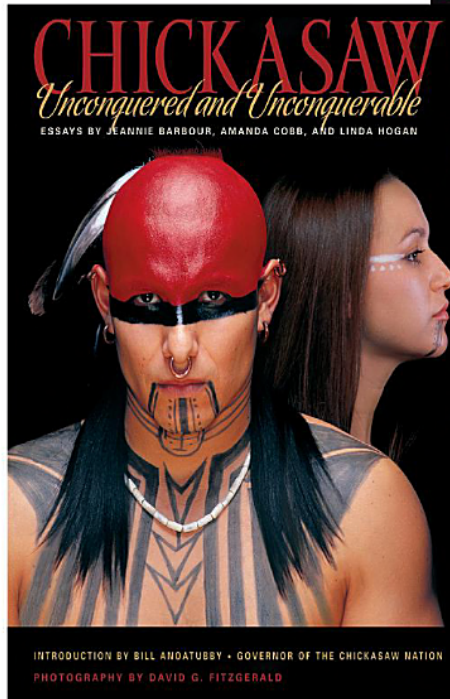
and the hotel phone number is (405) 943-9841.

For entry forms, please email [pokko.cvleckv@yahoo.com](mailto:pokko.cvleckv@yahoo.com) or call Lorrie Thorpe at (405) 921-9995.

You can mail entries to Robin Oles, 1005 NW 27<sup>th</sup> St., Moore, OK 73160. All entries are due by March 23.

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